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I take pleasure in presenting to the Members of the Legislature, municipal officials and other interested parties, the 1986 edition of the Alberta Municipal Assistance Programs. This publication is an inventory of grants and cost-sharing programs implemented for the benefit of Alberta municipalities and other local government entities.

The material deals primarily with provincial financial assistance programs, however, certain federal programs have been included, particularly those which are co-ordinated by the province under agreement. Again this year, a separate table of contents has been provided for grants available to community associations, organizations and other interest groups.

Basic information is provided in a concise format and the departmental contact is identified for each program. This publication is for reference purposes only and is not intended as a substitute for the Provincial Statutes, Regulations or specific instructions and explanatory material issued from time to time by the various provincial government departments.

This year marks the ninth consecutive year of publishing and the tenth such issue since its inception in 1976. The material was compiled by the staff of the Municipal Services Branch, Alberta Municipal Affairs. Municipal Affairs acknowledges the valuable contribution all departments have made over the years and expresses its appreciation to all officials for their time and effort expended to complete this publication.

Neil Crawford
Minister

FOREWORD

This 1986 revised listing of Alberta Municipal Assistance programs replaces the 1985 publication in its entirety. This revised edition reflects any changes, additions or deletions to the provincial assistance programs. These additions and deletions are reflected in appendix "A" and "B". Program transfers to other or new departments and consolidations of programs are reflected in appendix "C".

The table of contents in this issue has been divided into two sections. The first section is a listing of all the programs. The second section is a listing of programs available not only to municipalities but also to community associations, organizations and other interest groups.

The various provincial grants and cost sharing programs have been compiled in this publication to provide municipal officials, government employees and the general public with concise descriptions of the numerous programs currently available to Alberta Municipalities, to other government entities and to organizations undertaking co-operative projects. Also included in this survey of available programs are those jointly funded by the Federal and Provincial governments.

The information contained in this booklet is NOT a complete inventory of the provincial assistance programs as programs for individual or non-government organizations have been specifically excluded except for some multi-faceted programs as outlined under Alberta Recreation and Parks. The primary purpose of this publication is for reference only with more detailed information to be obtained from the contact person(s) listed on each program.

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ALBERTA
AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To assist municipalities in carrying out projects and programs that will preserve and improve agricultural production.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all Alberta rural municipalities that have organized an agricultural service board or committee and have hired a full time agricultural fieldman.

DESCRIPTION -- Each board prepares a tentative plan outlining proposed activities in concert with department officials and subject to annual guidelines. The four major areas are:

1. Rural Services - in projects of administration, advisory committees, training, joint extension programming between boards and local Alberta agricultural personnel, and legal assistance;

2. Animal Industry projects - in areas of livestock improvement and protection;

3. Plant Industry projects - in areas of weed control, field crops, forage crops, pest control, soil fertility, horticulture, and tree planting;

4. Conservation and Development Programs - soil salinity, soil erosion, on farm drainage and slough consolidation, demonstrations, awareness and education.

FINANCING -- Payments are made through Agriculture Service Board grant claims, based on the previously approved plan. For most programs, assistance is paid on a 60/40 basis 60% provincial and 40% municipal within the limits of an approved budget.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET

1986/87
$4,105,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government, the authority provided by the Agricultural Service Board Act.

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AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES CAPITAL GRANT

OBJECTIVES -- To provide agricultural services to the rural community.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all chartered Class B, C, and D Agricultural Societies within the Province who have not received this grant before.

DESCRIPTION -- This is a one-time grant that must be used for capital purposes such as construction of a building or renovations or improvements, to facilitate any programs of the Agricultural Society. The grant may also be used to retire any outstanding Agricultural Society capital debt. Application forms can be obtained from Alberta Agriculture.*

FINANCING -- The amount of the grant or aggregate of grants shall not exceed $75,000. Disbursement does not have to be done all at one time, however, no grant shall exceed 2/3 of the total cost of any capital project. The other 1/3 of the cost must be raised by the Agricultural Society.

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that was implemented in 1972. It has no known termination date.

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* Agricultural Societies Capital Grants are made directly to the local associations and not to local authorities. This program description is included for information purposes only.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES OPERATING GRANT

OBJECTIVES -- To alleviate part of the operating costs incurred by Agricultural Societies operating multi-purpose facilities.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is only available to those Agricultural Societies that are actively operating their own multi-purpose facilities. Furthermore, Agricultural Societies receiving concurrent grants from another provincial department must support grant claims independently.

DESCRIPTION -- This is an annual grant which will pay a portion of the operating costs incurred by Agricultural Societies operating multi-purpose facilities. Application forms can be obtained from Alberta Agriculture.*

FINANCING -- There are two operating grants available from Alberta Agriculture depending upon the category of fair that the Agricultural Society operates.

Class B - A basic grant of $3,000 for the first day of an approved fair or exhibition; $2,000 is paid for each additional day of approved activity to a maximum of $50,000.

Class C and D - During the calendar year, 50% of the cost of insurance and utilities up to a maximum of $7,000 will be eligible for assistance under this program.

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that was implemented on April 1, 1979. It has no known termination date.

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* Agricultural Societies Operating Grants are made directly to the local associations and not to the local authorities. This program description is included for information purposes only.

BACTERIAL RING ROT CONTROL POLICY

OBJECTIVES -- To control the pest bacterial ring rot in potatoes.

ELIGIBILITY -- Available to Alberta rural municipalities where table stock potatoes are grown commercially.

DESCRIPTION -- Bacterial ring rot is a pest by authority of the Agricultural Pests Act which must be controlled and eradicated. Each cooperating municipality will be paid an annual grant by the Department. Sufficient commercial production is required for a municipality to be eligible.

FINANCING -- A grant of $50 per potato grower plus $1 per acre of potatoes under permit.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1986/87
	$26,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program.

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SEED CLEANING PLANT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To assure clean seed grain for farmers within a municipality the Department of Agriculture will, by agreement with the rural municipality or rural districts, as provided in the Agricultural Service Boards Act, assist financially in the construction, replacement or upgrading of one or more centrally located seed cleaning plants within a district.

ELIGIBILITY -- This Program is available to all Alberta rural municipalities.

DESCRIPTION -- The Department of Agriculture may accept or reject any application by a municipality for assistance. An Agricultural Service Board should be formed within the District or Districts, and be in operation to the satisfaction of the Department of Agriculture. One or more municipalities must be financially involved along with the Department of Agriculture.

FINANCING -- Involves cost sharing between the Department of Agriculture, the municipality and farmers.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1986/87
	$940,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program.

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HORTICULTURAL INFORMATION TO HOME OWNERS AND GARDENERS

OBJECTIVES -- To assist Parks and Recreation Departments of cities to assume greater responsibility to homeowners in providing horticultural services.

ELIGIBILITY -- Available to cities that have an organized department to employ technical and professional personnel to provide the service or to cities who do not have an organized method but are willing to provide it by hiring outside personnel on a contractual basis.

DESCRIPTION -- The amount of assistance is dependent upon the actual expenditure of the program and the population of the city. The program of the city must provide horticultural information through the press, radio, and other media including telephone answering service. The department must be free to distribute the city's information number.

FINANCING -- The grant shall amount to 50% of actual expenditure in the year covered by the agreement up to a maximum as follows:

POPULATION	GRANT ALLOTMENT
up to 50,000	1/2 up to max. $ 3,000
50,000 to 100,000	1/2 up to max. $ 6,000
100,000 to 300,000	1/2 up to max. $10,000
300,000 to 600,000	1/2 up to max. $15,000
600,000 to 1,000,000	1/2 up to max. $20,000

PROVINCIAL BUDGET

1986/87
$55,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program

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ALBERTA
COMMUNITY AND
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

OBJECTIVES

1. The program is designed to facilitate a provincial/municipal partnership which creates conditions and services within communities that prevent family and social breakdown.

2. Its major features include:

   --local autonomy in program development, priority and delivery
   --80% provincial and 20% municipal cost-sharing
   --volunteer involvement
   --early attention to problems before crises develop
   --variety of approaches depending on unique community needs.

ELIGIBILITY -- all Albertans, including Treaty Indians, where the local government has entered an agreement with the Province to provide the service.

DESCRIPTION -- Each program develops differently to meet local requirements, but some general types of services have emerged such as:

Community - volunteer development, information and referral, community workers.
Family - counselling, family life education, parent-child development.
home support - homemakers, homehelp/handyman, meals-on-wheels, visiting.
senior citizen - social/recreational drop-in centres, outreach programs.
youth - youth workers, outreach programs, boys' and girls' clubs.

FINANCING -- the Province provides 80 percent advance per capita funding to municipalities in two components: Administration and Planning; F.C.S.S. Program Delivery.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
	$24,806,000	$24,898,000	$25,298,000	$31,678,790

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date.

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ALBERTA
CULTURE

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- A grant to assist in the restoration of pre-1945 inactive cemeteries or inactive sections of cemeteries that are still in use and individual graves belonging to those people who made significant contribution to the immediate locality, to the general district, or to the Province of Alberta.

ELIGIBILITY -- Grants may be applied for by:

a) a municipality which may include a city, town, village, summer village, county, municipal district, special area, or improvement district;

b) any organization that is incorporated as:

   (i) a non-profit company under the Companies Act, the Business Corporations Act or any other similar Acts in a jurisdiction outside Alberta,

   (ii) a society under the Societies Act or any similar Acts in a jurisdiction outside Alberta,

   (iii) an agricultural society under the Agricultural Societies Act,

   (iv) a congregation under the Religious Societies Lands Act, a Special Act of Alberta, or any similar Act in a jurisdiction outside Alberta,

   (v) a women's institute under the Women's Institute Act, or

   (vi) an Indian band under the Indian Act (Canada);

c) a school district;

d) a hospital district.

DESCRIPTION -- This grant is available for approved fencing, landscaping, levelling grave depressions, erecting commemorative plaques, cairns, recording data on tombstones, and providing information concerning unmarked graves. Grants may not be used for the general upgrading and maintenance of cemeteries where burials are taking place.

FINANCING -- The grant is available in the amount of 50% of approved project costs, exclusive of federal or other provincial grants, to a maximum of $2,000. Grants are available on a first-come, first-served basis to the limit of funds appropriated by the Legislature in any one fiscal year.

Municipalities and other organizations will normally be limited to one cemetery restoration project grant per year. A cemetery restoration project will normally be funded only once.

Generally, the grant will be available as follows:

a) one-half of the estimated grant at the outset of the project, and

b) the balance of the grant upon completion of the project, to the Minister's satisfaction.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date.

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HISTORICAL PUBLICATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- A grant to aid in the printing or reprinting of a specified historical publication which deals with an aspect of Alberta's natural or human resources, or other subjects deemed to be relevant to Alberta.

ELIGIBILITY -- Grants may be applied for by:

A) a municipality, which may include a city, town, summer village, county, municipal district, special area, or improvement district;

b) any organization that is incorporated as:

   (i) a non-profit company under the Companies Act, the Business Corporations Act or any other similar Acts in a jurisdiction outside Alberta,

   (ii) a society under the Societies Act or any similar Acts in a jurisdiction outside Alberta,

   (iii) an agricultural society under the Agricultural Societies Act,

   (iv) a congregation under the Religious Societies Lands Act, a Special Act of Alberta, or any similar Act in a jurisdiction outside Alberta,

   (v) a women's institute under the Women's Institute Act, or

   (vi) an Indian band under the Indian Act (Canada);

c) a school district;

d) a hospital district.

DESCRIPTION -- This program will cover a portion of the printing and editorial costs associated with the publication of local and regional histories pertaining to Alberta's natural or human history. For grant purposes, editorial work may include the following tasks:

- editing (rewriting, cutting, arranging, re-arranging),
- indexing (general, photographic, subject),
- arrangement of pre-selected pictures and articles,
- proof-reading final manuscript and the printer's proofs,
- travel costs incurred on trips to the printer's for editorial consultation.

FINANCING -- The grant is available in the amount of 10% of the printing costs and 50% of fees paid by the applicant for editorial services, to a maximum of $5,000. One-half of the eligible total grant may be applied for upon receipt of printing estimates and will be based on 10% of the printer's estimate, plus 50% of the estimated fee to be paid by the applicant for editorial services performed by a suitable qualified person(s). The balance of the grant is available upon receipt of both the printer's final invoice and the final statement of editorial fees paid and three copies of the publication. The final grant payment will then be adjusted accordingly.

DEADLINE -- Applications for funding under this program are to be submitted to Alberta Culture on or before either July 1st or January 31st in the grant year. When the volume of applications exceeds the budget allocation as approved by the Legislature in any one fiscal year, the applications will be pro-rated on the basis of the limited budget.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
	$151,633	$187,853	$117,853	$81,633

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date.

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LOCAL RESTORATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- A grant to aid in the restoration, stabilization, preservation, protection or commemorative marking of a historic resource which is primarily of local historic interest, where such a historic resource has been approved by the Minister and the governing body of the municipality as having importance and interest in relation to the history of the municipality or locality.

ELIGIBILITY -- Grants may be applied for by:

a) a municipality which may include a city, town, village, summer village, county, municipal district, special area, or improvement district;

b) any organization that is incorporated as:

   (i) a non-profit company under the Companies Act, the Business Corporations Act or any other similar Acts in a jurisdiction outside Alberta,

   (ii) a society under the Societies Act or any similar Acts in a jurisdiction outside Alberta,

   (iii) an agricultural society under the Agricultural Societies Act,

   (iv) a congregation under the Religious Societies Lands Act, a Special Act of Alberta, or any similar Act in a jurisdiction outside Alberta,

   (v) a women's institute under the Women's Institute Act, or

   (vi) an Indian band under the Indian Act (Canada);

c) a school district;

d) a hospital district.

DESCRIPTION -- This grant may be used for:

a) obtaining initial professional advice, cost estimates and the preparation of plans directly associated with the preservation of a historic resource,

b) any work to restore, stabilize, preserve or protect the original structural features,

c) the purchase, installation, repair or improvement of the electrical, mechanical, heating and plumbing systems, where, in the opinion of the Minister, such work will not detract from the historic value of the historic resource and is essential to its preservation,

d) the salvage, restoration or repair of furnishings, decorative and functional fixtures, equipment and artifacts, integral to the preservation of the historic resource,

e) work to develop the grounds of a historic resource, where, in the opinion of the Minister, such development is necessary for the restoration or protection of the historic resource, and where this will not detract from its historical value,

f) the design, construction and installation of an interpretive or commemorative plaque, cairn, sign or marker,

g) the purchase of a historic resource where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Minister that such a purchase was the only means of saving it from damage or destruction.

FINANCING -- The Local Restoration Assistance grant is available in the amount up to 50% of approved project costs, exclusive of federal or other provincial government grants to a maximum of $5,000. Municipalities and other organizations will normally be limited to one project grant per year. Any single historic resource will normally be funded only once.

Generally, the grant will be available as follows:

a) one-half of the estimated grant at the outset of the project, and

b) the balance of the grant at the completion of the project, to the Minister's satisfaction.

DEADLINE -- Applications for funding under this program are to be submitted to Alberta Culture on or before either April 1st or September 1st in the grant year.

All applications for funding will be adjudicated by the Historic Sites Board on the basis of merit funding criteria as outlined in the grant policy statement. Funding under this program is limited to the amount of monies appropriated by the Legislature in any one fiscal year.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000	$45,000

TIME FRAME -- This is a recent program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date.

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PROVINCIAL HISTORIC RESOURCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- A grant to aid in the restoration, stabilization, protection or commemoration of a site or structure which has been officially designated by the Minister as a Provincial Historic Resource.

ELIGIBILITY -- Grants may be applied for by the owner of the designated Provincial Historic Resource.

DESCRIPTION -- This grant may be used for:

a) obtaining initial professional advice, cost estimates and the preparation of plans directly associated with the preservation of a Provincial Historic Resource,

b) any work to restore, preserve or protect the original structural features,

c) the purchase, installation, repair or improvement of the electrical, mechanical, heating and plumbing systems, where, in the opinion of the Minister, such work will not detract from the historical value of the site and is essential to the preservation of the Provincial Historic Resource,

d) the salvage, restoration or repair of furnishings, decorative and functional fixtures, equipment and artifacts, integral to the preservation of the Provincial Historic Resource,

e) work to develop the grounds of a Provincial Historic Resource, where, in the opinion of the Minister, such development is necessary for the restoration or protection of the site and where this will not detract from its historical value,

f) the design, construction and installation of an interpretive or commemorative plaque, cairn, sign or marker.

FINANCING

a) Basic Grant - A basic grant may be applied for in the amount of the current year's total assessed property taxes to a maximum of $1,000.

b) Supplementary Grant - A grant may be applied for in the amount of 50% of approved project costs, exclusive of grants from federal or other provincial departments, to a maximum of $15,000 per year or $75,000 over a five-year period.

To be eligible to apply for and receive grants, projects must be approved in writing by the Assistant Deputy Minister, Historical Resources Division, prior to the commencement of any physical work on the historic resource,

Generally, up to one-half of the estimated grant will be available at the outset of the project and the balance of the grant upon completion of the project, to the Minister's satisfaction.

DEADLINE -- Applications for funding under this program are to be submitted to Alberta Culture on or before April 1st in the grant year.

All applications for funding under this program will be adjudicated by the Historic Sites Board on the basis of merit funding criteria as outlined in the grant policy statement. Funding under this program is limited to the amount of monies appropriated by the Legislature in any one fiscal year.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
	$404,893	$404,893	$488,143	$488,143

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date.

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REGISTERED HISTORIC RESOURCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- A grant to aid in the restoration, stabilization, preservation or protection of a site or structure which has been officially designated by the Minister as a Registered Historic Resource.

ELIGIBILITY -- Grants may be applied for by the owner of the designated Registered Historic Resource.

DESCRIPTION -- This grant may be used for:

a) obtaining initial professional advice, cost estimates and the preparation of plans directly associated with the preservation of a Registered Historic Resource,

b) any work to restore, preserve or protect the original structural features,

c) the purchase, installation, repair or improvement of the electrical, mechanical, heating and plumbing systems, where, in the opinion of the Minister, such work will not detract from the historical value of the site and is essential to the preservation of the Registered Historic Resource,

d) the salvage, restoration or repair of furnishings, decorative and functional fixtures, equipment and artifacts, integral to the preservation of the Registered Historic Resource,

e) work to develop the grounds of a Registered Historic Resource, where, in the opinion of the Minister, such development is necessary for the restoration or protection of the site and where this will not detract from its historical value,

f) the design, construction and installation of an interpretive or commemorative plaque, cairn, sign or marker.

FINANCING -- A grant is available in the amount of 50% of approved project costs, exclusive of other grants, to a maximum of $5,000 per year or $25,000 over a five-year period.

To be eligible to apply for and receive grants, projects must be approved in writing by the Assistant Deputy Minister, Historical Resources Division, prior to the commencement of any physical work on the historic resource.

DEADLINE -- Applications for funding under this program are to be submitted to Alberta Culture on or before April 1st in the grant year.

All applications for funding under this program will be adjudicated by the Historic Sites Board on the basis of merit funding criteria as outlined in the grant policy statement. Funding under this program is limited to the amount of mo ies appropriated by the Legislature in any one fiscal year.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
	included as part of the Provincial Historic Resource Assistance Program	included as part of the Provincial Historic Resource Assistance Program	included as part of the Provincial Historic Resource Assistance Program

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date.

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SPECIAL HISTORICAL PROJECT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- A grant to assist in the execution of a special project that is concerned with pre-1945 events, activities sites or structures and is related to the development, preservation, study, interpretation or promotion of the appreciation of Alberta's historical resources. Qualifying projects could include a research paper on historic trails, the tape-recording of pioneer recollections or a marker recognizing a historical event.

ELIGIBILITY -- Grants may be applied for by:

a) a municipality which may include a city, town, village, summer village, county, municipal district, county, special area or improvement district;

b) any organization that is incorporated as:

   (i) a non-profit company under the Companies Act, the Business Corporations Act or any similar Acts in a jurisdiction outside Alberta,

   (ii) a society under the Societies Act or any similar Acts in a jurisdiction outside Alberta,

   (iii) an agricultural society under the Agricultural Societies Act,

   (iv) a congregation under the Religious Societies Lands Act, a Special Act of Alberta, or any similar Acts in a jurisdiction outside Alberta,

   (v) a women's institute under the Women's Institute Act, or

   (vi) an Indian band under the Indian Act (Canada);

c) a school district;

d) a hospital district.

FINANCING -- The grant is available in the amount of 50% of approved project costs, exclusive of federal or other provincial grants, to a maximum of $1,000.

When the volume of applications exceeds the budget allocation the applications will be reviewed by the Historic Sites Board. Funding under this program is limited to the amount of monies appropriated by the Legislature in any one fiscal year.

Generally, the grant will be available as follows:

a) one-half of the estimated grant at the outset of the project, and

b) the balance of the grant upon completion of the project, to the Minister's satisfaction.

DEADLINE -- Applications for funding under this program are to be submitted to Alberta Culture on or before August 31st in the grant year.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
	$6,220	$6,220	$6,220	$6,220

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date.

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MUNICIPAL INVENTORY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- A grant to assist in the administrative and operating costs involved in the compilation of an inventory of potential historic sites or geographical names within the legal boundaries of a municipality or a regional planning commission.

ELIGIBILITY -- Grants may be applied for by:

a) a municipality which may include a city, town, village, summer village, county, municipal district, improvement district, special area, or

b) a regional planning commission

to undertake a historic sites or geographical names inventory within its boundaries.

DESCRIPTION -- this grant is available for:

Historic Sites Inventory Project:

a) to hire staff to inventory, document and evaluate the historic sites resources within a municipality's boundaries,

b) upon the recommendation of the Historic Sites Service, to purchase essential photographic equipment to properly record historic sites,

c) to purchase film and pay for processing and duplication of photographs,

d) to cover other related costs such as travel, materials and supplies, and the rental of office space and equipment.

Geographical Names Inventory Project:

a) to hire staff to inventory, document and evaluate the names of geographical features within a municipality's boundaries,

b) upon the recommendation of the Historic Sites Service, to purchase essential National Topographic System 1:50,000 scale maps for the area of the project,

c) to cover other related costs such as travel, materials and supplies, and the rental of office space and equipment.

Note: Alberta Culture shall provide all necessary "Inventory of Geographical Names" cards as require for the project.

FINANCING -- This grant is available in the amount of 50% of the approved project costs, exclusive of other provincial or federal grants, to a maximum of $5,000. Grants are available on the basis of one grant per eligible agency per year under Schedule 6 of Alberta Regulation 65/83 and may not exceed $5,000 in any one fiscal year period.

Generally the grant will be available as follows:

a) one-half of the estimated grant at the outset of the project, and

b) the balance of the grant at the completion of the project, to the Minister's satisfaction.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
	included as part of the Provincial Inventory Assistance Program	included as part of the Provincial Inventory Assistance Program	included as part of the Provincial Inventory Assistance Program

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program that has recently been implemented by the Provincial Government. It has no known termination date.

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PROVINCIAL INVENTORY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- A grant to assist in the administration and operating costs involved in the compilation of an inventory of potential historic sites or geographical names within a specified area in conjunction with the Provincial Inventory Program.

ELIGIBILITY -- Grants may be applied for by:

a) a municipality which may include a city, town, village, summer village, municipal district, county, special area or improvement district;

b) any organization that is incorporated as:

   (i) a non-profit company under the Companies Act, the Business Corporations Act or any similar Acts in a jurisdiction outside Alberta,

   (ii) a society under the Societies Act or any similar Acts in a jurisdiction outside Alberta,

   (iii) an agricultural society under the Agricultural Societies Act,

   (iv) a congregation under the Religious Societies Lands Act, a Special Act of Alberta, or any similar Acts in a jurisdiction outside Alberta,

   (v) a women's institute under the Women's Institute Act, or

   (vi) an Indian band under the Indian Act (Canada),

c) a school district;

d) a hospital district;

e) a regional planning commission.

DESCRIPTION -- This grant is available for:

a) Historic Sites Inventory Project

   (i) Upon the recommendation of the Historic Sites Service, to purchase essential photographic equipment to properly record historic sites.

   (ii) To purchase film and pay for processing and duplication of photographs.

   (iii) To cover other related costs such as travel, materials and supplies, and the rental of office space and equipment.

b) Geographical Names Inventory Project

(i) Upon the recommendation of the Historic Sites Service, to purchase essential National Topographic System 1:50,000 scale maps for the area of the project,

(ii) to cover other related costs such as travel, materials and supplies, and the rental of office space and equipment.

FINANCING -- This grant is available in the amount of 50% of the approved project costs, exclusive of other provincial and federal grants, to a maximum of $5,000. Grants are available on the basis of one grant per eligible year under Schedule 6 of Alberta Regulation 65/83 and may not exceed $5,000 in any one fiscal year period.

Generally, the grant will be available as follows:

a) one-half of the estimated grant at the outset of the project, and

b) the balance of the grant at the completion of the project, to the Minister's satisfaction.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000	$15,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date.

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MUSEUM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To assist in defraying costs incurred in the operation, maintenance and development of a public museum, an art gallery, a botanical garden, a zoological park, a planetarium, an aquarium, or a heritage village in Alberta.

ELIGIBILITY -- Grants may be applied for by:

a) a municipality which may include a city, town, village, summer village, municipal district, county, special area, improvement district, or

b) any organization that is incorporated as:

(i) a non-profit company under the Companies Act, the Business Corporations Act or any similar Acts in a jurisdiction outside Alberta,

(ii) a society under the Societies Act or any similar Acts in a jurisdiction outside Alberta,

(iii) an agricultural society under the Agricultural Societies Act,

(iv) a congregation under the Religious Societies Lands Act, a Special Act of Alberta, or any similar Acts in a jurisdiction outside Alberta,

(v) a women's institute under the Women's Institute Act, or

(vi) an Indian band under the Indian Act (Canada);

where the municipality or organization is operating a museum that:

a) is open to the public at least 200 hours each calendar year,

b) owns more than 50% of the historical objects in its collections, and

c) has established and maintained an acceptable museum accession system.

DESCRIPTION -- The grant is to be used to offset costs incurred in the operation, maintenance and development of the museum; for example, the purchase of artifacts, training seminars, advertising, salaries and wages, rent, office equipment, dues and fees, bank charges, utilities, building repair and maintenance, postage and stationery, materials necessary for cataloguing, costs attached to the set-up and maintenance of displays, supplies necessary for programming within the museum, and any other cost that the Minister deems appropriate for the purpose of this assistance program.

FINANCING

a) Basic (Annual) Grant - All eligible museums may apply for a basic grant of $200, plus a

b) Supplementary (Annual) Grant - Each museum is eligible for a grant under one of the following groups:

GROUP A - Museums which employ at least one suitably qualified and salaried curator and are located in a city or town of 15,000 or more population, beyond a radius of 50 km from Edmonton and Calgary. Funds raised locally in the previous fiscal year are matched by the Provincial Government up to a maximum of $12,000.

GROUP B - Museums which employ at least one suitably qualified and salaried curator, and have recorded a fully authenticated attendance of over 50,000 in the previous year. Funds raised locally in the previous fiscal year are matched by the Provincial Government up to a maximum of $12,000.

GROUP C - Museums which are designated by the Minister as having special significance in the preservation of Alberta's historical resources and which employ at least one suitably qualified and salaried curator. Funds raised locally in the previous fiscal year are matched by the Provincial Government up to a maximum of $12,000.

GROUP D - Museums not qualifying under Group A, B, or C. Funds raised locally in the previous fiscal year are matched by the Provincial Government up to a maximum of $5,000.

c) Additional Grants - For the operation of facilities used exclusively as circulation exhibit areas attached to a museum, such facilities having received capital funding from the National Museums Corporation under either their "National Exhibition Centre" or "Special Grant Program" categories.

National Exhibition Centre Grant - 50% of the operating cost of the Exhibition Centre in the previous fiscal year, to a maximum of 5,000.

Circulating Exhibit Grant - 50% of the operating cost of the Circulating Exhibit area in the previous fiscal year, to a maximum of $2,500.

DEADLINE -- Applications for funding under this program are to be submitted to Alberta Culture on or before July 1st in the grant year.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
	$421,320	$457,521	$491,320	$491,320

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government with no known termination date.

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COMMUNITY RECREATION/CULTURAL GRANT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To aid volunteer community groups and clubs and municipalities with expenditures incurred in the provision of recreation and cultural services, and to encourage co-operative efforts in all aspects of these services, including facility development, facility operation and maintenance, and recreation and cultural programming and planning.

ELIGIBILITY -- Any council of an improvement district, special area, Metis settlement or Indian band; any council of a municipality representing a regional recreation board; any school board in a National Park; and any council of any other municipality which has a recreation board.

DESCRIPTION -- Up to 75% of the yearly funding can be used for the construction of facilities or debt retirement. These funds must be matched on a 50/50 basis. Up to 60% of the yearly funding can be used for operation and programming costs, with 30% of these funds being matched. Up to 10% of the yearly funding can be used for planning and design purposes.

FINANCING -- There will be $20 per capita per year available from this grant program. Municipalities with a population of 400 or less are eligible to receive a grant of $8,000.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1985/86
	$49,000,000

TIME FRAME -- This is a five-year program which began on April 1, 1985. For information on cultural component contact Ron duFort (below) or Alberta Cultural Regional Field Offices (listings page 35).

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SENIOR CITIZENS FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To assist Senior Citizens organizations develop senior citizen centres.

ELIGIBILITY -- Available to incorporated non-profit Senior Citizen organizations.

OR

Incorporated non-profit organizations, acting on behalf of an unincorporated Senior Citizen group, that have as one of their objectives the provision of services to senior citizens. For example:

- community service organizations,
- municipal authorities,
- recreation boards,
- auxiliary hospitals,
- nursing homes and lodges.

DESCRIPTION -- A capital cost program to:

i) Establish a Senior Citizens Centre,

ii) Renovate or upgrade an existing centre,

iii) Purchase equipment necessary within such a centre.

FINANCING -- Based on approved project costs, up to $1,000 basic grant plus a maximum of $3,000 on a matching basis. Sources of matching funds may not be from other Federal or Provincial programs.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1985/86	1986/87
	$757,000	$757,000

TIME FRAME -- Application deadline is December 31st.

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LIBRARY GRANT

OBJECTIVES -- To provide Library Services to all regions of Alberta.

ELIGIBILITY -- The Minister may make the following Grants:

a) Operating grants to public libraries,

b) establishment grants payable to:

(1) i) a library system board being established under section 20 of the Libraries Act;

ii) a municipality, improvement district, special area or school authority becoming a party to an agreement under section 21 of the Libraries Act;

iii) a party to an agreement undergoing an increase in population because of annexation of land that did not belong to a party associated with that library system;

iv) a municipality, improvement district, special area or school authority becomes a party to an agreement under section 21 of the Libraries Act because there has been a change in its status.

(2) An establishment grant may not be made to a library system board with respect to the City of Edmonton, the City of Calgary or in the case of the merger of 2 or more library systems.

c) grants to assist in resource sharing and the development of bibliographic networks in Alberta.

DESCRIPTION -- An application for an annual grant shall be submitted in the year in which the grant is to be paid. It must be accompanied by an audited financial statement of the operation of the library during preceding fiscal year. In the case of a municipal or regional library, a copy of the budget for the year in which the grants to be paid must accompany the application.

FINANCING

LIBRARIES OPERATING GRANTS

1(1) Subject to subsection (2), the Minister may make grants under this part to assist boards in operating libraries and providing library services.

(2) If a municipal board or library system board has received or is to receive a grant under this Part with respect to the residents within the boundaries of a community library, the community board is not eligible for a grant under this Part in the same year.

2 The Minister may make a grant to a community board that had an expenditure in the previous year, of the greater of

(a) $794, or

(b) 1.57 times the expenditure, up to maximum of $3.15 per capita.

3(1) The Minister may make a grant to the municipal board of the greater of

(a) $1,191, and

(b) an amount calculated in the ratio of 3:15:2 of the appropriation if the appropriation is at least $2 per capita, to a maximum of $4.04 per capita.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), if a grant was paid under that subsection to a municipal board with respect to 1985, the grant payable in respect to 1986 shall be the greater of

(a) the amount calculated under subsection (1), or

(b) an amount equal to the grant paid in 1985 plus $600.

4 The Minister may make a grant to a library system board in an amount calculated in the ratio of 2.1:1 of the appropriation if the appropriation is at least $1 per capita, to a maximum of $2.70 per capita.

5 An application shall be made before August 31 of the fiscal year in which the grant is to be received.

6 Notwithstanding section 3(2) of Division 1, an application shall include

(a) the name and address of the applicant;

(b) in the case of a community board, a financial statement of the community library for the previous year audited by persons whose qualifications are satisfactory to the Minister;

(c) in the case of a municipal board or library system board, a budget for the year in which the grant is to be received and a financial statement of the municipal library or library system as the case may be, for the previous year.

7(1) Notwithstanding sections 3 and 4, if in any year the appropriation of a municipal library or library system is reduced from that of the previous year, the amount of the annual grant shall be reduced by the same amount in the following year.

7(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), in the year in which a city becomes a party to an agreement, and if the combined appropriation for the municipal board and the library system board is at least equal to the appropriation to the municipal board in the previous year, the grant shall not be reduced.

LIBRARY SERVICES GRANT

1(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), the Minister may make grants in accordance with this Part.

(2) An applicant is not eligible to receive a grant under this Part more than once each fiscal year.

(3) If a municipal board or library system board has received or is to receive a grant under this Part with respect to residents within the boundaries of a community library, the community board is not eligible for a grant under this Part in the same year.

2(1) The Minister may make a grant to a municipal board or community board that receives financial assistance from an improvement district, summer village or special area, of up to 1.5 times the financial assistance received in the previous year.

(2) The total grant paid under this Part in a year in respect to an improvement district, summer village or special area shall not exceed $4.04 per resident of the improvement district, summer village or special area, as the case may be.

3(1) The Minister may make grants to library system boards that have been authorized by councils of municipalities, improvement districts or special areas, as the case may be, to provide them library service if those municipalities, improvement districts or special areas, as the case may be:

(a) are parties to an agreement respecting the library system or, in the case of counties, have authorized the county board of education to be a party to the agreement,

(b) give an appropriation to the library system board of an amount equivalent to $2.75 per capita.

(2) A grant under subsection (1) may only be used to provide library services to public libraries within the library system.

(3) The total grant paid under this section in a year shall be $4.04 per resident of all the municipalities, improvement districts or special areas referred to in subsection (1) which do not have municipal boards.

4 An application shall be made before August 31 of the fiscal year in which the grant is to be received.

5 An application under this Part shall be made at the same time and in the same manner as an application under Part 2 and shall be accompanied by proof satisfactory to the Minister from each municipality, improvement district, summer village or special area, as the case may be, that it has authorized the library system board to apply for the grant.

LIBRARY SYSTEM ESTABLISHMENT GRANTS

1(1) Subject to subsection (2), the Minister may make an establishment grant to a library system board to assist in the establishment or expansion of a library system with respect to

(a) a library system board being established under section 20 of the Libraries Act;

(b) a municipality, improvement district, special area or school authority becoming a party to an agreement under section 21 of the Libraries Act;

(c) a party to an agreement undergoing an increase of population because of annexation of land that did not belong to a party associated with that library system;

(d) a municipality, improvement district, special area or school authority becoming a party to an agreement under section 21 of the Libraries Act because there has been a change in its status.

(2) An establishment grant may not be made to a library system board with respect to the City of Edmonton, the City of Calgary or in the case of the merge of 2 or more library systems.

2 The Minister may make an establishment grant of $10.27 per capita except in the case of a grant under section 1(1)(d) where the grant shall be $10.27 per capita less the establishment grants previously made in respect of the population residing within the boundaries of the party to an agreement.

3 In addition to the requirements of section 3 of Division 1 an application shall include

(a) evidence satisfactory to the Minister of the population of the new party to an agreement or annexed land, as the case may be, and

(b) a copy of the agreement signed by the party to an agreement.

4 An application shall be submitted within 60 days of when a library system is established, expanded or the status of a party to an agreement has changes, as the case may be.

LIBRARY NETWORK GRANTS

1(1) Subject to subsections (1) and (2), the Minister may make grants to libraries and boards under this Part to assist in resource sharing and the development of bibliographic networks in Alberta.

(2) The maximum grant payable to an applicant under this Part is $100,000 in a fiscal year.

2 In addition to the requirements of section 3 of Division 1, an application shall include a copy of the agreement entered into by the applicant to engage in resource sharing activities, a report of the applicant's resource sharing activities in the previous year, and a statement of the salaries and benefits of the staff involved in the resource sharing activity during the year in which the grant is to be received.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
	$9,810,108	$9,821,778	$10,509,990	$12,133,139

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that was implemented in 1912. There is no known termination date.

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ALBERTA
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RAILWAY FACILITY RELOCATION POLICY

OBJECTIVES -- The Province recognizes the potential developmental benefits, to Alberta's smaller cities, of access to centrally located railway land no longer required for railway operating purposes. In keeping with this recognition, the Province wishes to assist these cities in carrying out railway facility relocation projects.

BACKGROUND -- In 1975, the Province of Alberta, jointly with the federal government, sponsored railway relocation studies undertaken by Alberta cities under the Canada Rail Relocation and Crossing Act. In October, 1977, the federal government withdrew from further funding of studies and announced it had cancelled any consideration of assisting actual rail relocation projects.

The Province's involvement in railway relocation studies was shortly thereafter expanded, including an ongoing commitment to assist the implementation of viable railway relocation projects.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA -- The Railway Facility Relocation Policy will apply to Alberta's smaller cities who are able to demonstrate that:

1. Substantial quantifiable benefits to the urban development objectives of the city can be achieved through release of land presently occupied by railway facilities, and

2. The potential value of lands released through railway facility relocation project will make a substantial contribution to the cost of the relocation project, and

3. Existing railway facilities create a significant barrier to the provision of efficient transportation services within the city, and

4. In the view of the affected railway, the relocation of facilities is feasible in light of system-wide operational requirements, and

5. Existing railway rights of way provisions through the city are maintained under the proposed railway facility relocation project.

The Railway Facility Relocation Policy is not designed to apply to the two largest cities of Alberta, who generally have the in-house planning and financing capability of dealing with such projects, nor to Alberta towns who would not normally be able to meet the eligibility criteria of this policy.

Notwithstanding the above, the Province may, upon specific project application, determine this policy, or portions thereof, to apply to a larger city or town if such a project meets the eligibility criteria and could not proceed without the Provincial involvement provided by this policy.

THE DELIVERY PROGRAM

Part I - Studies - The Province will contribute 50% of the cost to a city, of carrying out an approved railway facility relocation feasibility study. Involvement of the affected railway, the relevant and/or local planning authority must be solicited and obtained.

Part II - Negotiations - Where the railway relocation feasibility study determines the proposed project to be viable, meeting all eligibility criteria of this program, the Province will assist the city in negotiating the concurrence of the affected railway.

Part III - Relocation Projects - Where the joint province/city negotiations with the affected railway have resulted in a mutually acceptable plan for railway facility relocation and for the sharing of costs thereof, the Province will assist the city in financing the implementation of the project. The Provincial financial contribution will be 50% of the city's costs in implementing a railway facility relocation project. The 50% Provincial cost sharing, while considered level of city and Provincial commitment to a project, may vary from project to project on the basis of the specific needs of a city and the estimated timing of returns from sales of lands released by a relocation project.

Subject to the preparation of adequate roadway and public transportation plans, and the preparation and guarantee of a suitable land-use plan for lands released by the project, the Province will jointly with the city, take an investment position in the project. The eligible urban municipality shall establish a mechanism to implement the project and to dispose, by sale or lease, of released lands.

First right of refusal on the purchase or lease of such lands shall be offered to the city and the Province, but in all cases, sales or leases shall be at the then prevailing market rates.

Revenues from the sale or lease of lands released by a railway facility relocation project will, after meeting the administrative costs of such transactions, be distributed between the city and the Province in the same ratio as each contributed to the cost of the project.

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ALBERTA COMMUNITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TRAINING PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To assist communities to acquire a better understanding of the economic development relationship in their region.

ELIGIBILITY -- The program is available to associations, communities, municipalities, or interested groups at no cost.

DESCRIPTION -- Assistance is provided to cover such topics as:

- Developing a community information package.
- Forming an economic development committee.
- Prospecting for industrial development.
- Marketing a community's industrial land.

Training sessions can be arranged by contacting the local Business Development representative who works with the communities in delivering this service.

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing service of Alberta Economic Development and Trade.

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ALBERTA LOCATIONS PROGRAMMING

OBJECTIVES -- To assist communities throughout Alberta in achieving a viable, long-term economic base by attracting new business and industries.

ELIGIBILITY -- Alberta Locations Programming Parts 1 and 2 are eligible to all municipalities. Eligibility for Part 2 is available to the councils of all Alberta Municipalities with less than 75,000 residents.

DESCRIPTION -- The program is designed to help new and expanding businesses choose suitable site locations within Alberta. The program provides the following pertinent information and professional consultation:

Part 1 Community Profiles
This series of publications contains demographic, economic and statistical data on cities, towns and villages in Alberta. Limited quantities are distributed to communities throughout Alberta.

Part 2 Financial Assistance to Municipalities
Full or partial funding is available to communities to offset the costs of bringing prospective investors to view business sites and assess the region's locational advantages. The municipality must be able to accommodate the potential new business or industry at the time of application. The prospect must be from out-of-province.

FINANCING -- Financial assistance is available as in Part 2 above.

TIME FRAME -- The Alberta Locations Program is an ongoing program of Alberta Economic Development and Trade.

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ALBERTA
EDUCATION

EXPLANATION OF SCHOOL GRANTS

Numerous school grants that apply to all "school areas" are available from Alberta Education. These "school areas" include school districts, school divisions, counties, or a city or town having merged administration under the Municipal and School Administration Act. These grants are made possible through regulations under the School Act and the Department of Education Act.

There are, however, NO Alberta Education grants for which municipalities can directly make application. The only Alberta Education grants available must be applied for by the Board responsible for school administration.

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ALBERTA
ENVIRONMENT

BITING FLY CONTROL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To assist municipal governments in the initiation and/or improvement of Biting Fly Control Programs.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all municipal districts, who as a collective group, feel that their municipality has a serious biting fly infestation.

DESCRIPTION -- To be eligible for such grants, municipalities must submit an application for assistance to the Department of Environment prior to the commencement of their control programs, outlining proposed cost and methods of control These proposals must be acceptable to the Department. Should conditions warrant that a control program receive any additional funds, such funds may be granted pending approval by the Minister of the Environment. Approved control programs will be subject to inspection. An annual report, including complete financial records, must be submitted by each municipality to the Department at the end of the control program in order to receive financial assistance. A licensed Class L pesticide applicator must supervise each abatement program.

FINANCING -- Approved mosquito abatement programs will be funded in the following manner.

a) Municipalities whose population is less than 10,000 will be limited to $3 per capita for eligible expenses.

b) Municipalities whose population is greater than 10,000 and less than 100,000 will be limited to $2 per capita for eligible expenses.

c) Municipalities whose population is greater than 100,000 will be limited to $1 per capita for eligible expenses.

Expenses which are considered eligible include:

a) 60% of all operating and equipment costs.

b) 40% of the chemical purchase costs.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
	$585,000	$606,000	$630,000	$630,000

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented in 1974 and is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government. There is no known termination date.

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ALBERTA WATER MANAGEMENT AND EROSION CONTROL PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To provide cost sharing to local authorities for the enhancement and regional development of the province's water resources and to provide corrective measures where water, in its natural state, creates conditions adverse to the public interest.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all Alberta municipalities.

DESCRIPTION -- Projects such as flood control, drainage, erosion control, water conservation and lake level control must be initiated by a local authority, and a need for such a project must be established. The project must be in the public interest and provide benefits to the general public or protect public investment. Detailed project planning and consideration of all aspects of water resources and environmental management must precede implementation. Normally, the local authority initiating the project accepts the responsibility for land acquisition, operating and maintenance costs. In special cases the landowners may assume this responsibility or Alberta Environment may cost-share the operation and maintenance.

Agreements are entered into between the Minister of Environment (under the Water Resources Act) and the local authorities. Projects are funded on the basis of the budgetary priority for water management established by the government.

FINANCING -- Cost sharing on a 75-25% basis (Government funding up to 75%). The program also provides for 86-14% cost sharing on agricultural flood control, drainage, or erosion control projects.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET

1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
$6,780,000	$5,941,000	$5,941,000	$6,361,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government.

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RESOURCE RECOVERY GRANT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To encourage communities to become involved in the collection of recyclable material, and encourage the reduction of wastes that must be disposed of.

ELIGIBILITY -- All municipalities in Alberta are eligible.

DESCRIPTION -- This is a Capital Grants Program. The Department will fund non-motorized equipment necessary for the separation and storage of recyclable marketable materials.

FINANCING -- This program is funded 100% by the Provincial Government.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET -- A total of $150,000 is available for recycling grants in 1986/87.

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program initially implemented in 1976. Applications are accepted through the year. In general, funding will be forthcoming in the next fiscal year.

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RECLAMATION PROGRAM FOR DERELICT LAND

OBJECTIVES -- To reclaim land that has been left idle since disturbance with the objective of making it as productive as it was prior to disturbance.

ELIGIBILITY -- The land in question must be owned by a public body or must be purchased by a public body.

DESCRIPTION -- Abandoned sites considered to be eligible include:

1. Coal mines or quarries.
2. Gravel pits.
3. Garbage dumps and sewage lagoons.
4. Refinery sites or other mineral processing plants.
5. Industrial sites.
6. Irrigation canals or man-made water reservoirs.
7. Roadways, airports, railroads.

It should be clear, of course, that the intent of the reclamation fund is to improve sites that were disturbed prior to legislation and the rise of public concern over environmental problems. Recently abandoned sites will be carefully reviewed by Department staff prior to acceptance as reclamation projects.

NOTE: All the above mentioned eligible sites must be municipally owned land.

Some commonly submitted proposals which are NOT included in the program are:

1. Natural or water filled low lying areas.
2. Agricultural operations.
3. Forestry operations.
4. Removal of car body stockpiles.
5. Picking up of scattered debris.
6. Erosion control resulting from agricultural and forestry operations, and municipal or provincial projects including road building and bridge construction.

FINANCING -- Reclamation Branch of Alberta Environment assumes all responsibilities for engineering, supervision, planning, hiring and paying contractors to complete reclamation projects.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87	1987/88
	$1,811,000	$1,811,000	$1,811,000	$1,500,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has approval till 1987/88. Applications by municipalities can be made at any time during the year.

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ALBERTA WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To promote environmentally sound waste management throughout the province.

ELIGIBILITY -- Available to all rural and urban municipalities who form a regional authority consisting of two or more urban municipalities plus one or more rural municipalities.

DESCRIPTION -- The Province will provide land and capital funding for regional sanitary landfill sites or other facilities for waste management.

FINANCING -- The Province will pay 100% of the fair market value for land and lease this land to the municipality for use as a sanitary landfill. Also, the Province will pay up to 100% of the initial capital costs of the systems. Annual operating costs are the responsibility of the regional authority.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET

1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
$2,950,000	$2,200,000	$2,220,000	$2,200,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that was implemented in December 1975.

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PESTICIDE CONTAINER COLLECTION PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To provide technical and financial assistance in the selection and construction of permanent pesticide container collection sites.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all agricultural based local authorities that feel permanent pesticide container sites would benefit their farming populace.

DESCRIPTION -- To be eligible, for such grants, municipalities must select a site, secure Health Board approval, and submit an application to the Department of Environment. Enclosed with the signed application there must be a statement of expenses for the work to be done. These potential sites must be acceptable to the Department. If approved, notification allows the future recipient to begin construction immediately. Upon completion, the municipality must maintain the site and contact the Department when sufficient containers have been collected to warrant pickup.

FINANCING -- Approved pesticide container collection sites will be funded in the following manner:

a) Should sufficient funds be available, all applications will be accepted.

b) If this is not so, preference will be given to municipalities making their first application under the program.

c) Number of funded sites and a ceiling on funding for each municipality have not been established, however, need must be shown.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
	$100,000	$ 50,000	$ 45,000	$ 45,000

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented in 1980 and is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government.

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ALBERTA
MANPOWER

SUMMER TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (S.T.E.P.)

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT ELEMENT

OBJECTIVES -- To provide short-term employment and career development opportunities for unemployed Albertans during the summer months, May to August.

ELIGIBILITY -- Eligible employers are: municipal governments - cities, towns, villages, summer villages, improvement districts, municipal districts, and counties; Indian Bands and Metis Settlements; incorporated non-profit organizations; and publicly funded organizations - school boards and hospitals.

DESCRIPTION -- Employers are responsible for recruiting employees, 15 years of age or older, into new, full-time positions, lasting a minimum of four weeks, upon approval of the application.

FINANCING -- Alberta Manpower will subsidize participating employers $3.80 per hour for an approved position plus an additional 10% of the subsidized wage rate to help defray employer costs for benefits. The employer is responsible for paying the employees full wages and must submit a monthly claim in order to be reimbursed for the subsidized wage.

PROVINCIAL FUNDING ALLOCATION	1986/87
COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT ELEMENT	$14,000,000

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PRIORITY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (P.E.P.)

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT ELEMENT

OBJECTIVES -- To provide employment and career development opportunities for unemployed Albertans during the winter months, November to March.

ELIGIBILITY -- Eligible employers are: municipal governments - cities, towns, villages, summer villages, improvement districts, municipal districts and counties; Indian Bands and Metis Settlements; incorporated non-profit organizations; and publicly funded organizations - school boards and hospitals and post-secondary institutions.

DESCRIPTION -- Employers are responsible for recruiting employees, 16 years of age or older, into new full-time positions lasting a minimum of eight weeks and maximum of six months upon approval of the application.

FINANCING -- Alberta Manpower will subsidize employers $3.80 per hour for an approved position, plus an additional 10% of the subsidized wage rate to help defray employer costs for benefits. The employer is responsible for paying the employees full wages and must submit a monthly claim in order to be reimbursed for the subsidized wage.

PROVINCIAL FUNDING ALLOCATION	1986/87
COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT ELEMENT	$6,000,000

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ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (A.E.E.P.)

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT ELEMENT

OBJECTIVES -- To provide employment opportunities for unemployed Albertans on environmental project activities.

ELIGIBILITY -- Eligible employers are: municipal governments - cities, towns, villages, summer villages, municipal districts and counties; Indian Bands and Metis Settlements; incorporated non-profit organizations; publicly funded organizations and community associations.

DESCRIPTION -- Employers are responsible for recruiting employees 16 years of age or older for projects which have a direct and positive impact on the environment. Projects must provide three full-time positions for a minimum of six weeks to a maximum of twelve months.

FINANCING -- Alberta Manpower will fund project employers up to $200 per week per employee for wages. An additional $125.00 per employee per week may be made available to employers for costs other than wages.

PROVINCIAL FUNDING ALLOCATION	1986/87
COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT ELEMENT	$4,875,000

TIME FRAME -- Program ends March 31, 1987.

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ALBERTA YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM (A.Y.E.T.P.)

YOUTH WORK EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING ELEMENT

OBJECTIVES -- To provide unemployed youth (ages 17 to 24) with work experience and training.

ELIGIBILITY -- Eligible employers are: municipal governments - cities, towns, villages, municipal districts and counties; non-profit organizations; school and hospital boards; and private sector employers.

DESCRIPTION -- Employees must be 17 to 24 years old, graduated from high school and unemployed for the last four months or out of school for at least twelve months and unemployed for the last four months. Employees must be hired on a full-time basis for six months. Employees must be hired on a full-time basis for six months.

FINANCING -- Employers will be reimbursed for 50% of employee wages up to $3.50 per hour or $140 per week. Employers will receive $3,000 bonus at the end of a second consecutive six-month period, if the person is still employed (no additional wage subsidy is provided for the second six-month period). If full-time training is offered the employer may receive an additional $15 per day or $75 per week for the duration of the training. Training related costs may be reimbursed for up to 75%.

PROVINCIAL FUNDING ALLOCATION	1986/87
YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING	$17,416,500

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ALBERTA YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM (A.Y.E.T.P.)

POST SECONDARY INTERNSHIP AND TRAINING ELEMENT

OBJECTIVES -- To provide unemployed or under-employed post secondary graduates with jobs and training related to their education.

ELIGIBILITY -- Eligible employers are: municipal governments - cities, towns, villages, municipal districts and counties; non-profit organizations; school and hospital boards; and private sector employers.

DESCRIPTION -- Employees must be graduates of a minimum two year program within the last twelve months and have been unemployed for at least four months or employed in positions significantly below their qualifications. Employees must be hired on a full-time basis for twelve months.

FINANCING -- Employers will be reimbursed for 50% of employee wages up to $3.75 per hour, up to $7,800 per year.

PROVINCIAL FUNDING ALLOCATION	1986/87
INTERNSHIP AND TRAINING	$17,416,500

TIME FRAME -- Program ends March 31, 1987

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EMPLOYMENT SKILLS PROGRAM (E.S.P.)

OBJECTIVES -- To reduce dependency upon financial assistance for a selected group of social assistance recipients by providing them with temporary, full-time work experience.

ELIGIBILITY -- Eligible employers are: Provincial Government Departments, school boards, post-secondary institutions, health authorities, hospitals and auxiliary hospitals, nursing homes and family and community support services.

DESCRIPTION -- The program assists the client in learning, relearning or refining work related skills and attitudes and provides a recent work record which will help them secure ongoing employment. Clients are eligible to be in a full-time work experience placement up to a maximum of six months.

FINANCING -- Funding for the employees wages is provided by Alberta Manpower at a rate of $5.50 per hour.

PROVINCIAL FUNDING ALLOCATION	1986/87
EMPLOYMENT SKILLS PROGRAM	$4,000,000

TIME FRAME -- Projects may be proposed and developed on an ongoing basis to March 31, 1987.

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ALBERTA MORTGAGE AND
HOUSING CORPORATION

COMMUNITY HOUSING PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To provide adequate rental housing for low and moderate income families unable to secure affordable private-sector accommodation.

ELIGIBILITY -- The sponsor of a Community Housing Project is normally the local municipality. The need for community housing in smaller municipalities is determined by the feasibility study undertaken by the Corporation.

DESCRIPTION -- Management and tenant selection are delegated to a local Housing Authority whose members are recommended by the local council, a Provincial and sometimes Federal nominating committee, and appointed by Provincial Ministerial Order. Priority of allocation of units to tenants depends on need as determined by income, assets, housing condition and length of time on the waiting list. The municipality applies directly to the Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation. The Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation reviews and researches submissions, and the Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation Board approves submissions within the framework of the annual budget.

As an alternate delivery method to Community Housing, Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation may provide affordable accommodation in private-sector buildings through a rent supplement. Rent supplements may be used in designated communities where there are high vacancy rates in the private sector and a need for affordable accommodation by low-income families. Rent supplements are funded in the same way as Community Housing.

FINANCING -- The Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation is the major developer of Community Housing, supplying 100% of upfront capital costs for projects, through debentures written with the Alberta Investment Division of the Alberta Heritage Savings and Trust Fund. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation provides cost-sharing of 70% of net operating costs, including amortization on the portion of the capital cost within their approved Maximum Unit Price, over 35 years. The balance of the costs are shared between AMHC and the municipality.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1985/86	1986/87
	$3,500,000	$10,000,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing joint program of the Federal, Provincial and Municipal Governments.

FURTHER INFORMATION -- Contact the local housing authority or an AMHC office at any of the addresses listed in the back of this section. Applications for new projects should be directed to AMHC.

THE ALBERTA INDUSTRIAL LAND PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES

1. To help municipalities provide an adequate supply of serviced land for industrial purposes, at reasonable costs.

2. To assist regional communities in attracting suitable industries.

3. To support balanced industrial growth across Alberta.

ELIGIBILITY -- Alberta municipalities demonstrating a need and demand for industrial land.

DESCRIPTION -- This program is designed in two stages: Land Assembly and Land Development. It is intended to provide assistance to communities wishing to develop land or hold land for future industrial development. It complements the government's position that the decentralization of industry is essential to achieving a balanced economic growth within the Province.

FINANCING -- Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation finances 100% of the capital costs through funds provided from the general revenue fund of the Province of Alberta.

1. Land Assembly: Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation secures and holds titles to suitable lands, in accordance with the following guidelines:

   a) An agreement is made between the Corporation and the municipality whereby Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation will hold title to the land for the municipality.

   b) At any time during the term of the agreement, the municipality may request and obtain from Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation whatever portion of the land may be necessary for development.

   c) Holding costs (i.e. survey, legal, interest, etc.) are added to the original land costs to determine the price to the municipality.

   d) Holding costs are prorated over the whole project. When any portion of the project is purchased, only the holding costs relating to that portion are paid at that time.

   e) Buy-back periods vary from one to fifteen years.

   f) Upon expiry of the agreement (15 years), all land remaining must be purchased by the municipality.

2. Land Development: Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation purchases and develops land under a development agreement with the municipality, in accordance with the following guidelines:

   a) Developed lots are sold to the municipality on a fully prepaid basis (i.e. all development costs are allocated in the purchase price of each lot).

   b) Prices of the lots also reflect a prorated portion of the holding costs.

   c) As a rule, the Corporation will develop only to the prevailing servicing standard of the municipality, with certain minimum standards to be observed in any case.

   d) In all cases, the municipality will be responsible for sales transactions.

   e) Upon expiry of the Development agreement, all unsold lots must be purchased by the municipality.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1985/86	1986/87
	$1,000,000	$1,750,000

Note: 1985/86 funds are for servicing only.

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government.

FURTHER INFORMATION -- Municipalities approach AMHC or the Department of Tourism and Small Business for an explanation of the Program. Application procedures are outlined at a meeting with Tourism and Small Business, AMHC and the municipality.

ALBERTA RESIDENTIAL LAND PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To assist municipalities in the provision of an adequate supply of residential housing lots at reasonable costs to meet the housing needs of Albertans.

ELIGIBILITY -- Alberta municipalities demonstrating a need and demand for residential land.

DESCRIPTION -- This program is designed in two stages: Land Assembly and Land Development. It is intended to provide assistance to communities wishing to develop land for needed purposes or to hold land for future residential development.

FINANCING -- Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation finances 100% of the capital costs through funds provided from the general revenue fund of the Province of Alberta.

1. Land Assembly: Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation secures and holds titles to suitable lands, in accordance with the following guidelines:

   a) An agreement is made between the Corporation and the municipality whereby Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation will hold title to the land for the municipality.

   b) At any time during the term of the agreement, the municipality may request and obtain from Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation whatever portion of the land may be necessary for development.

   c) Holding costs (i.e. survey, legal, interest, etc.) are added to the original land costs to determine the price to the municipality.

   d) Holding costs are prorated over the whole project. When any portion of the project is purchased, only the holding costs relating to that portion are paid at that time.

   e) Buy-back periods may range up to fifteen years.

   f) Upon expiry of the agreement, all land remaining in the bank must be purchased by the municipality.

2. Land Development: Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation purchases and develops land under a development agreement with the municipality, in accordance with the following guidelines:

   a) Developed lots are sold to the public or to contractors on a fully prepaid basis (i.e. all development costs are allocated in the purchase price of each lot).

b) Prices of the lots also reflect a prorated portion of the holding costs.

c) As a rule, the Corporation will develop only to the prevailing servicing standards of the municipality, with certain minimum standards to be observed in any case.

d) In all cases, the Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation will be responsible for sales transactions. The municipality may be empowered to handle the initial stage of lot sales.

e) Upon expiry of the agreement, all unsold lots must be purchased by the municipality.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1985/86	1986/87
	$2,000,000	$6,200,000

Note: 1985/86 funds are servicing only.

TIME FRAME -- This program is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government.

FURTHER INFORMATION -- Municipalities contact an AMHC office at any of the addresses listed at the back of this section. Applications must be made from the municipality by means of Resolution-in-Council.

SENIOR CITIZENS LODGE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- This program provides housing for senior citizens of Alberta who no longer wish to maintain an independent household. Lodges are located not only in cities, but also in rural areas so that senior citizens may remain in or near their own community.

ELIGIBILITY -- The sponsor for a lodge is the Municipal Foundation composed of participating municipalities in the area.

DESCRIPTION --This program is intended for senior citizens who are in good health and able to care for themselves. For this reason medical facilities are not provided in the building although home-care services may be available through local health units. The location of lodges is planned with good access to medical, transportation, shopping and recreational services. Rent, which is fixed at an affordable rate by the Provincial Government, covers meals and housekeeping services. Temporary accommodation is also available in lodges through the Vacation Relief or Respite Care Program.

After construction, the administrative and financial responsibility of each lodge is invested in the local Foundation. The management group selected by the Foundation hires the staff for the lodge, handles applications, selects tenants and manages daily operations.

FINANCING -- Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation finances 100% of the capital costs including all furnishings and equipment through funds provided by the Alberta Investment Division of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund.

Once the project is constructed, the Foundation becomes responsible for all operating costs, excluding amortization of the capital cost. Foundations may receive grants to help offset operating deficits through the Lodge Assistance Program.

Under section 56.1 of the National Housing Act, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation provides cost sharing of the capital cost of the project, within their approved Maximum Unit Price, on the basis of a 70% writedown of the interest to 2%. The balance is paid by AMHC.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1985/86	1986/87
	$4,500,000	$6,500,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government.

FURTHER INFORMATION -- For information on accommodation contact the Municipal Foundation or an AMHC office at any of the addresses listed in the back of this section. Applications for new lodges should be directed to AMHC.

SENIOR CITIZENS SELF-CONTAINED PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To provide senior citizens with affordable apartments in or near the communities in which they live.

ELIGIBILITY -- The sponsor of a self-contained project may be a non-profit organization which includes a municipality, a foundation or an organization constituted exclusively for charitable or benevolent purposes.

DESCRIPTION -- A non-profit society must be registered under The Societies Act of Alberta, and may include church groups, service clubs and other organizations. The sponsor is responsible for collecting information on the need for self-contained units in their area and contacting the Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation. It is also responsible for the management and maintenance once the project is constructed. Individuals apply directly to the project for admittance.

Tenants must meet eligibility guidelines for acceptance. One year residency in Alberta immediately prior to application or ten years previous residency in Alberta is required. Allocation of units to tenants is prioritized according to income, assets, housing condition and length of time on waiting list. Rent is based on 25% of a tenant's income.

FINANCING -- Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation finances 100% of capital costs through funds provided by the Alberta Investment Division of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation provides cost-sharing of 70% of net operating costs, including amortization on the portion of the capital cost within their approved Maximum Unit Price, over 35 years. The balance is paid by AMHC.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1985/86	1986/87
	$16,000,000	$33,000,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government.

FURTHER INFORMATION -- Regarding accommodation, contact the project or an AMHC office at any of the addresses listed in the back of this section. Applications for new projects should be directed to AMHC.

LODGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- The Lodge Assistance Program provides financial assistance to lodge foundations to reduce lodge operating deficits thereby reducing the contributions required by the member municipalities of respective Foundations.

ELIGIBILITY -- Any foundations or municipalities who operate senior citizens lodge's pursuant to Section 9 of the Senior Citizens Housing Act are eligible for assistance if an operating deficit occurs.

DESCRIPTION -- Any foundation or municipality applying for the Lodge Assistance Grant is required to submit an audited financial statement of the lodge's operating costs to Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation. In addition, the foundation/municipality must complete an application showing the latest equalized assessments of all the contributing municipalities.

FINANCING -- Assistance is provided in the form of a grant from Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation. The amount of assistance is determined on the basis of the documented financial statements of the lodge and the latest equalized assessment of the foundation as follows:

This program will cover a portion of the foundation deficits in the form of a grant provided by Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation. The level of assistance is determined on the basis of the total equalized assessments of the foundation for the year in which the operating deficits occur.

Lodge assistance funding is calculated according to a graduated scale, depending on the mill rate, as determined by the foundation's deficit and equalized assessment. Funding ranges from 25% to 50% of the lodge foundation's operating deficits, but AMHC will not finance the portion of the deficits which is in excess of 35% of the foundation's total expenditures.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1985/86	1986/87
	$4,600,000	$4,600,000

LODGE EXTENDED WARRANTY ASSISTANCE

Upon application AMHC will provide financial assistance to Senior Citizens Lodge Foundations to correct design or construction deficiencies beyond the time of the builder's warranty, or to upgrade safety systems in lodges as required.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1986/87
	$500,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government.

FURTHER INFORMATION -- The foundation should submit an application with its audited financial statements to the Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation office nearest them.

REVOLVING TRUNK SERVICING PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To ensure a long term supply of serviced lots is available and to reduce the financial burden on municipalities by providing funds for the construction of major trunk lines to be used primarily for residential subdivisions in Alberta.

ELIGIBILITY -- All Alberta municipalities or any Alberta municipality jointly with qualified land developing companies registered in Alberta.

DESCRIPTION -- Priority will be given to those municipalities experiencing a shortage of adequately serviced developable lands. Eligible items for projects are offsite or oversized water and sewer facilities in the following categories:

a) water trunks, pressure booster stations and distribution reservoirs.

b) storm sewer trunks and major storm management facilities (retention and detention ponds, storm lift stations).

c) sanitary sewer trunks and lift stations.

FINANCING -- Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation finances the capital costs through funds provided by the Alberta Investment Division of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund. Subject to the execution of a Master Agreement between Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the municipality and, if applicable, the developer, Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation will construct and initially own the facilities. The Master Agreement establishes, among other things:

- The maximum capital cost to be funded by AMHC.
- The developable hectares within the benefiting area.
- The term for repayment of the capital cost and the financing charges.
- The municipality's obligation to purchase a minimum 50% interest in the facility within a 10 year period. This obligation is offset by guarantees of the major land owners within the benefiting area.
- The applicant's (municipality or developer) responsibility to negotiate rights-of-way for constructing the approved facilities on behalf of AMHC.
- The municipality's responsibility to purchase a proportional undivided interest in the facility prior to issuing a Development and Servicing Agreement for land within the benefiting area.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1985/86	1986/87
	$10,000,000	$10,000,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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Edmonton, Alberta
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ALBERTA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION OFFICES

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9405 - 50 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6B 2T4
Phone: 468-3535

Branch Office:

8657 - 51 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T6E 6A8
Before August 1986:
465-0100
After August 1986:
468-0700

Mortgage Lending:

112 Professional Centre
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Phone: 482-9222

BRANCH OFFICES:

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Phone: 743-7108
RITE: 136-7100

220 - 4th Street South
Lethbridge, Alberta
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Phone: 329-8722
RITE: 181-5598

9909 - 102 Street
Grande Prairie, Alberta
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Phone: 539-4801
RITE: 121-5386

2924 - 11th Street, N.E.
Calgary, Alberta
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Phone: 250-4600
RITE: 161-7362

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T0A 3A0
Phone: 645-5600
RITE: 139-1222

5913 Gaetz Avenue
Red Deer, Alberta
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Medicine Hat, Alberta
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ALBERTA
MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

MUNICIPAL ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To provide $1,000 or 10¢ per capita, whichever is greatest, to assist each municipality in recognizing the 50th anniversary of its incorporation and at 25 year intervals thereafter.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program applies to all municipalities and each will receive the special assistance automatically in the relevant years. No application will be required.

DESCRIPTION -- To provide $1,000 or 10¢ per capita, whichever is greatest, to assist each municipality in recognizing the 50th anniversary of its incorporation and at 25 year intervals thereafter.

The assistance will be unconditional and so may be used to sponsor activities or for any other project the council believes appropriate. In case where a municipality has more than one date which might be celebrated, for example, original incorporation as a village then later as a town, the council may select which date is to be celebrated for the municipality. Incorporation dates are available from, and notice of which date selected should be provided to the Department of Municipal Affairs.

FINANCING -- The Provincial Government will provide the $1,000 or 10¢ per capita, whichever is greatest, automatically, no application is required.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET -- As required.

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented May 17, 1982 and is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government. It has no known termination date.

INFORMATION CONTACT

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Alberta Municipal Affairs
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Edmonton, Alberta
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INTEREST STABILIZATION GRANT

OBJECTIVES -- To stabilize interest charges on capital debentures issued by the Alberta Municipal Finance Corporation and Alberta Treasury.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Debentures issued under authority of by-laws for which the local Authorities Board Certificate of Approval is dated March 28, 1983 or later will not be eligible for subsidy.

2. Debentures issued after March 31, 1982 will be subsidized for the first five years from date of debenture issue with the regular Alberta Municipal Finance Corporation rate being paid after five years.

3. All debentures must be issued prior to March 31, 1985 to receive subsidy.

DESCRIPTION -- Alberta municipalities need not apply for this grant. This program is administered directly by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

FINANCING -- The grant is paid each year in the month that the payment on the debenture becomes due. Payment is made in a calendar year not the government fiscal year.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
	$118,000,000	$115,000,000	$122,000,000	$120,000,000

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MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

OBJECTIVES -- Assisting Local Municipal Governments to continue to provide services to their citizens without undue increases in the local mill rate.

ELIGIBILITY -- This is an unconditional grant available to all municipal government units in the Province.

DESCRIPTION -- No application is necessary for this grant. Each year, the Province sets aside a sum of money to be known as the Municipal Assistance Grant to be distributed to Alberta municipalities on a relative needs basis.

FINANCING -- The grant is paid in one lump sum during the month of May of each year.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET

1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
$91,974,788	$93,814,284	$97,748,790	$100,718,299

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date.

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PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION BENEFITS

OBJECTIVES -- To reduce the burden of property taxes on residential properties and farmland.

ELIGIBILITY --Certain properties including single and multi-family residences, mobile homes and most farmland properties are eligible when determined to be the owners principal residence.

DESCRIPTION -- A combined benefit exists whereby homeowners, without applying, have their entire Provincial Education Tax paid by the Provincial Government and dependent on qualifications may be eligible for an additional reduction to be applied against their municipal taxes. This additional reduction is known as the Homeowner Refund and is calculated as the difference between $200 or municipal taxes whichever is less and the Provincial Education Tax. The benefit for homeowners over 65 years, widow/widowers' (60-64 years) whose deceased spouse was at least 65 and widow/widowers receiving a widows pension or additional benefits by qualifying under the Widows Pension Act is calculated as the difference between $1,000 or municipal taxes whichever is less and the Provincial Education Tax.

FINANCING -- The Provincial Government appropriates into the school foundation fund 100% of the total allowable school tax credits for that year.

The Provincial Government advances 90% of expected property tax reduction benefits (homeowners refunds) prior to program commencement and continually reimburses all homeowner refunds in excess of this prepaid amount. An administration fee per application, is paid to the municipality ongoing, as benefits are reimbursed.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
	$67,099,730	$66,937,500	66,019,400	$66,101,000

TIME FRAME -- These programs were implemented January 1, 1973 and have no known termination date. Application may be made between May 1st of the current year and March 31st of the following year.

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SENIOR CITIZEN RENTER ASSISTANCE GRANT

OBJECTIVES -- Providing financial assistance to citizens 65 years of age and over who occupy rented living accommodation or who own and occupy a mobile home situated on rented land.

ELIGIBILITY -- Available to senior citizens 65 years of age and older or widow/widower's (60-64 years) whose deceased spouse was 65 years of age or older and eligible for a benefit or widow/widowers' (55-64 years) who are receiving a widows pension or additional benefits by qualifying under the Widows Pension Act. Accommodation must have been rented in the Province for at least 120 days during the calendar year and applicants must not have received property tax benefits for that same year. Married couples may make only one application unless legally separated. Senior Citizens living in nursing homes, auxiliary hospitals or active treatment hospitals do not qualify for this grant.

DESCRIPTION -- Application forms for senior citizens renter assistance may be obtained at municipal offices, Alberta Treasury Branches, Senior Citizens Drop In Centres and Alberta Municipal Affairs offices.

FINANCING -- Assistance is in the form of a yearly grant. Levels of assistance currently provided are:

1. $1,200 to eligible seniors renting non-subsidized housing.
2. $600 to seniors renting subsidized accommodation.
3. $1,000 to mobile homeowners renting the land or space for their home.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET

1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
$42,614,400	$42,604,400	$42,460,000	$42,820,000

TIME FRAME -- These programs were implemented January 1, 1973 and is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government. Applications may be made any time between May 1st of the current year and March 31st of the following year.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' SELF-CONTAINED APARTMENT PROJECT GRANTS

OBJECTIVES -- To provide financial assistance to all eligible municipalities in the form of yearly grants for senior citizens' self-contained apartment projects owned and operated by non-profit organizations. (Lodges are not included and for the purposes of this grant, municipalities are not considered non-profit organizations).

ELIGIBILITY -- Available to those municipalities in which senior citizens' self-contained apartment projects owned and operated by non-profit organizations are located.

DESCRIPTION -- Eligible municipalities are to submit Letters of Application in June of each year for each facility involved. Letters of Application will include the name of the owner, the name of the complex, legal description, street address, account number and certification of assessments. Municipalities will also provide the department with a copy of their yearly mill rate bylaw.

FINANCING -- Assistance will be in the form of yearly grants upon application in June of each tax year. The grant will not exceed the amount that would be recoverable for the municipal portion of the tax levy referred to in section 93 (1)(a), (b), (c), (e) and (h) of the Municipal Taxation Act if the senior citizens' self-contained apartment project was subject to the municipal tax for the year.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1985/86	1986/87
	$800,000	$1,025,000

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented in 1985 and has no known termination date.

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MUNICIPAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To provide an experienced work force which municipalities can draw upon to meet the needs in the ever increasing complex world of municipal government operations.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to six municipalities annually based on its ability and capacity to give the intern a broad perspective of municipal operations plus its administrative ability to give teaching capabilities without undue disruption to its normal operations.

DESCRIPTION -- As the program element is implemented, the municipality is invited to submit its name for consideration for participation in the program. Alberta Municipal Affairs acts as the facilitator in the hiring process. The selected candidate is a temporary contract employee of the municipality. Municipalities are subsidized one-half of the intern's salary, currently $1,450 per month. The contract runs from June 1st to May 31st. Candidates must hold a degree or certificate from a secondary school in: Business Administration, Public Administration, Commerce, Economics, or Political Science.

FINANCING -- Funding is usually provided through a special warrant process and limited to six municipalities.

PROVINCIAL FUNDING ALLOCATION	1986/87
EMPLOYMENT ELEMENT	$52,200

TIME FRAME -- This program cannot be considered to be an ongoing program. For this reason deadlines for applications are provided in the letter inviting municipalities' participation.

INFORMATION CONTACT

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ALBERTA MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIP IN LOCAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To provide municipalities with unconditional funds that can be used for programs and projects determined at the local level. It is hoped that these funds will be used in ways that will generate local employment opportunities.

ELIGIBILITY -- This is an unconditional grant available to all municipalities in the Province and will be provided on a per capita basis.

DESCRIPTION -- No application is necessary for this grant. Alberta Municipal Affairs will calculate each municipality's grant based on its population and the size of the funding pool. Municipalities will be informed of their grant entitlements early enough to enable them to plan and budget for their own local needs. The AMPLE program also entails the refinancing of high interest rate municipal debentures. The details of this refinancing regarding interest rate and timing will be provided to municipalities at a later date.

FINANCING -- The grant will be paid as an annual lump sum for the duration of the program.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET -- Annual budget amounts have not yet been determined. Total program budget is $500,000,000.

TIME FRAME -- This program will begin in 1987 and will operate until the total budget has been expended (estimated at eight years).

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ALBERTA PUBLIC
SAFETY SERVICES

COST-SHARED EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To assist municipalities in improving their state of emergency preparedness by the procurement of special items of public safety equipment.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all Alberta municipalities.

DESCRIPTION -- Any municipality may make a proposal to Alberta Public Safety Services for cost-sharing in the purchase of equipment, providing the municipality meets the following requirements:

- it has passed a Disaster Services By-law,
- it has appointed a Disaster Services Committee,
- it has appointed a Director of Municipal Disaster Services,
- it agrees to follow an emergency preparedness program developed in collaboration with the Alberta Public Safety Services.

Public safety equipment that may be eligible includes any item of equipment that will improve the emergency response capability of the municipality and is not readily available locally from private, commercial or public resources. It does NOT include the following items:

- self-propelled equipment, such as fire pumpers or ambulances,
- equipment that can be considered a normal requirement of the municipality,
- any item for which financial assistance is available under another government program,
- equipment purchased prior to the introduction of this program.

FINANCING -- The program provides for cost-sharing of agreed proposals, on a dollar-for-dollar matching basis, with the Provincial portion not to exceed $2,500 on any one proposal.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET

1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that was implemented on April 1, 1979.

INFORMATION CONTACT

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Field Services
Alberta Public Safety Services
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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT TO MUNICIPALITIES

OBJECTIVES -- To provide funds to assist in the operation of municipal disaster services agencies.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all Alberta municipalities.

DESCRIPTION -- Any municipality may make application to Alberta Public Safety Services for an accountable grant under this program, providing the municipality meets the following prerequisites:

- it has passed a Disaster Services By-law,
- it has appointed a Disaster Services Committee,
- it has appointed a Disaster Services Director,
- it has agreed, under the Accountable Grant Agreement, to follow a program developed jointed by the Municipality and Alberta Public Safety Services.

Funds provided by this program may only be used by the municipality for the following specific purposes:

- disaster services administration,
- resource surveys,
- planning,
- training,
- emergency preparedness exercises,
- special civil emergency planning projects/programs that have been approved by the Alberta Public Safety Services.

FINANCING -- The funds available for grants are allocated on the basis of population. The latest population figures submitted to Alberta Municipal Affairs are used in the calculation of the grants.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
	$302,100	$302,100	$302,100	$302,100

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government, which, in its present format, was implemented on April 1, 1976. Applications for inclusion in this program must be submitted by January 31st of the grant year.

INFORMATION CONTACT

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DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVE -- To provide financial assistance for eligible loss and damage as the result of an extraordinary event which the victim could neither prevent nor readily and generally insure against.

ELIGIBILITY -- All municipalities, individuals, institutions and businesses in Alberta.

DESCRIPTION -- A program administered by Alberta Public Safety Services which may provide financial assistance to applicants for eligible unanticipated expenditures due to an emergency and/or disastrous event. Assistance is not intended to provide full compensation for loss and damage, but an assist in recovery from the occurrence. Municipalities may have total eligible extraordinary costs of emergency operations and restoration of public property considered for reimbursement.

Before loss and damages are considered for assistance, they must be deemed unusual and normally reviewed by a Disaster Assistance Committee to ensure compliance with established guidelines, as follows:

a) the losses and damage have been so devastating as to threaten the economic survival of an individual or business;

b) assistance would be in the public interest;

c) in a municipality, an unusual amount of non-insurable loss and damage has affected a number of people;

d) events causing damage or loss were extremely unusual as classified by a competent authority. For example, historical records, evaluated by Alberta Environment, indicate a weather related event may be classified as extremely unusual;

e) the health, safety or welfare of the affected citizen or citizens have been at risk;

f) persons directly affected, and/or municipal authorities, acted prudently and appropriately to protect property and minimize damage when, and if, warning was given.

FINANCING -- This program is normally funded 100% by the Provincial Government, except when the financial expenditure for any single event reaches those proportions which may qualify for cost-sharing by the Federal Government.

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program that was implemented in 1973. Applications may be made at any time.

INFORMATION CONTACT

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Telephone 427-2772

ALBERTA PUBLIC WORKS,
SUPPLY and SERVICES

GRANTS-IN-LIEU OF TAXES

OBJECTIVES -- To assist municipalities in meeting their financial commitments.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all municipalities.

DESCRIPTION -- Any municipality within which Crown property is situated may apply each year to Alberta Public Works, Supply and Services for a grants-in-lieu of taxes in respect of that property. The assessor prepares valuations of Crown lands and improvements within the municipality, subject to the guidelines of the Municipal and Provincial Properties Valuation Act. Grants shall not exceed amounts that would be recoverable by municipalities if Crown properties within the municipalities were subject to a municipal tax. A municipality is not automatically entitled by right to this grant. Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Alberta Liquor Control Board, Alberta Government Telephones and Treasury Branches are authorized through their legislation to provide Municipalities with Grants-in-lieu of taxes.

"Any municipality which has established a business revitalization zone pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, and within which Crown property is situated, may apply for a grant with respect to the Crown property in accordance with section 3 of the Crown Property Municipal Grants Act."

FINANCING -- A grant is based on the valuation of the property using the same municipal assessment manual formula that would be used if the property was subject to a tax. The mill rate established by the municipality is used to determine the amount of grant, taking into account exemptions of grants in the same manner these exemptions would apply if the property was subject to a tax.

TIME FRAME -- A continuing program subject to provisions of the Crown Property Municipal Grants Act.

INFORMATION CONTACT

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ALBERTA RECREATION
and PARKS

municipal

RECREATION LEADERSHIP FOR THE DISABLED

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To aid and encourage the development of recreation programs and services to persons with disabilities.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available only to municipalities. Incorporated/registered community agencies may be considered as a program provider, but only through the support and endorsement of the local municipal recreation authority.

DESCRIPTION -- The Recreation for the Disabled Financial Assistance Program can be used only to offset the direct staffing costs associated with the provision of the program.

FINANCING -- Projects meeting eligibility are prioritized and top prospects selected.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1985/86	1986/87
	$430,000	$430,000

TIME FRAME -- Application deadlines are set yearly and based on program priority. This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date. Applications are available from the information contact below and from Alberta Recreation and Parks' Regional Recreation Consultants.

INFORMATION CONTACT

Volunteer Leadership Development Section
Provincial Recreation and Sport Services Branch
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Phone: 427-6562

municipal associations and organizations

COMMUNITY RECREATION/CULTURAL GRANT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To aid volunteer community groups and clubs and municipalities with expenditures incurred in the provision of recreation and cultural services, and to encourage co-operative efforts in all aspects of these services, including facility development, facility operation and maintenance, and recreation and cultural programming and planning.

ELIGIBILITY -- Any council of an improvement district, special area, Metis settlement or Indian band; any council of a municipality representing a regional recreation board; any school board in a National Park; and any council of any other municipality which has a recreation board.

DESCRIPTION -- Up to 75% of the yearly funding can be used for the construction of facilities or debt retirement. These funds must be matched on a 50/50 basis. Up to 60% of the yearly funding can be used for operation and programming costs, with 30% of these funds being matched. Up to 10% of the yearly funding can be used for planning and design purposes. A minimum of 25% of the total eligibility of a municipality must be used for cultural purposes. A maximum of 75% may be used for recreation purposes. The total eligibility must also be divided with a minimum of 50% designated to registered volunteer community organizations and clubs and a maximum of 50% designated to the municipality.

FINANCING -- There will be $20 per capita per year available from this grant program. Municipalities with a population of 400 or less are eligible to receive a grant of $8,000.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1985/86	1986/87
	$49,000,000	$48,200,000

TIME FRAME -- This is a five-year program which began on April 1, 1985. Applications are available from the information contact below and from Alberta Recreation and Parks' Regional Recreation Consultants.

INFORMATION CONTACT

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HOSTING GRANT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To assist registered provincial sports and recreation associations and municipalities to host national and/or international events.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to provincial sports and recreation associations recognized by Alberta Recreation and Parks for events meeting the program guidelines.

DESCRIPTION -- The Provincial Government will consider financial assistance for the following:

a) Operational - office rental, furniture, telephone, stationery, office supplies/equipment, staff salaries/benefits, equipment, facilities rental, training of officials, transportation (internal), public relations/ promotion, committee meetings, awards, other (i.e. insurance),

b) Capital - limited renovations, upgrading.

FINANCING -- Funding varies dependent upon the specific event and the proposed budget.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1985/86	1986/87
	$200,000	$200,000

TIME FRAME -- Application for events should be submitted at least one year prior to the event. Applications are available from the information contact below.

INFORMATION CONTACT

Interprovincial Programs Section
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Alberta Recreation and Parks
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REGIONAL SPORT FESTIVALS

OBJECTIVES -- To encourage sport participation and to increase sport competition opportunities for individuals within a designated region.

ELIGIBILITY -- Available to incorporated regional recreation associations or host communities of the recognized regional games.

DESCRIPTION -- This grant may be used for regional festivals administration and operation. Examples of allowable administration and operation expenses are as follows:

- telephone costs,
- office supplies,
- shipping and postal expenses,
- printing costs (including printing tickets, program booklets, etc.),
- auditor's fees and other report costs,
- insurance, liabilities,
- purchase or rental of essential equipment not available from host communities,
- cost of buttons, medals, ribbons, crests, etc.,
- public transportation of athletes and coaches within the host community (eg. bus service between accommodations and the various venues),
- cost of volunteer recognition (eg. plaques),
- clinic costs.

FINANCING -- Seven projects with a maximum of $5,000 per project will be funded each year.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET

1985/86	1986/87
$35,000	$35,000

First time applications to be submitted by June prior to the fiscal year the event is being held.

TIME FRAME -- Application for financial assistance of events recognized previously are to be made in the fiscal year the event is being held and prior to the date of the games. This is an ongoing program that has no known termination date. Applications are available from the information contact below and from Alberta Recreation and Parks' Regional Recreation Consultants.

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DISCOVER ALBERTA

OBJECTIVES --To encourage youth groups to travel in Alberta, for the purpose of developing an appreciation of different lifestyles, physical environments and communities.

ELIGIBILITY -- Available to:

1. Organizations registered under the Societies Act.

2. School groups recognized by the Department of Education, whose travel has been approved by their Education Authority.

DESCRIPTION -- Funding will be considered for groups whose trips will expose them to environments and lifestyles which are significantly different from their own. Projects should demonstrate ample opportunity for interaction between travel participants and individuals in the hosting centres.

FINANCING -- The program provides for assistance in amounts not exceeding $1,000.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1985/86	1986/87
	$23,000	$23,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date. Applications are available from the information contact below and from Alberta Recreation and Parks' Regional Recreation Consultants.

INFORMATION CONTACT

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TRAIL DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To promote and encourage the development and maintenance of multi-use trails throughout Alberta.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to municipalities and provincial, regional, local clubs and associations which have been incorporated under the Societies Act.

DESCRIPTION -- The Trail Development Financial Assistance grants can be used for the following costs:

- reasonable salaries and wages,
- administration costs for planning, stationery, printing, postage, telephones and supplies,
- travel, accommodation and meals,
- construction supplies, non-capital equipment and equipment rentals,
- maintenance, repair and upgrading costs for existing trails.

FINANCING -- Six to eight projects with a maximum of $5,000 per project will be funded each year. However, grant payments of more than $5,000 may be made with the Minister's approval.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1985/86	1986/87
	$30,000	$30,000

TIME FRAME -- Applications must be made by February 28th. This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government. Applications are available from the information contact below and from Alberta Recreation and Parks' Regional Recreation Consultants.

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MUNICIPAL RECREATION/TOURISM AREAS PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To aid in the capital development, upgrading and operation of outdoor recreation facilities in order to provide new opportunities for recreation and tourism in the Province.

ELIGIBILITY -- Municipalities may apply directly or have a service club or local association apply on their behalf. Initial designation of sites is through the local M.L.A.

DESCRIPTION -- Capital grants are available under this program to develop outdoor recreation and tourist facilities such as campsites, picnic areas, beach areas, boat launches and docks, drinking water supplies, golf courses, regional ski hills and parking areas. Operating grants are available each year for a period of 25 years to operate and maintain facilities developed under the capital portion of the program.

FINANCING -- A one time capital grant of up to $100,000 and operating grants of up to $20,000 per year are available through this program.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1985/86	1986/87
	$2,300,000	$5,800,000

TIME FRAME -- Applications for capital funds may be submitted any time during the fiscal year in which the site is designated and should be based upon a proposed capital budget. Applications for operating funds may be submitted any time during the year and should be based upon a proposed operating budget. The capital phase of this program is scheduled to continue until March 31, 1990.

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ALBERTA SOCIAL SERVICES

ALBERTA DAY CARE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES

1. To support the delivery of appropriate day care services in Alberta communities.

2. To ensure standards of care are maintained and improved.

3. To administer the Operating Allowance payment program and the Family Day Home Administrative Fee program.

4. To provide financial support to low-income families.

5. To provide opportunities for children with special needs to participate in normal preschool day care.

ELIGIBILITY -- Day Care is a provincially delivered and administered service for preschool children whose parents work, attend an educational institution, or the parent or child has special needs.

DESCRIPTION

- Program consultation and administrative support is provided to program operators and community groups.
- Provision of day care resources and program development materials to day care community.
- Licensing and monitoring of day care facilities to ensure standards of the Day Care Regulation are met.
- Program consultation services and additional financial support is provided for children with special needs in day care.

FINANCING

- The family subsidy program became effective August 1, 1980. It is provided to parents who qualify on the basis of income, to assist with costs of day care.
- The Operating Allowance program and the Family Day Home Administration Program became effective September 1, 1980. The operating allowance is paid to day care centres based on the number of enrolled spaces. The administration fee is paid to agencies which contract with Alberta Social Services to supervise satellite family day homes (a maximum of 3 children per home).

PROVINCIAL BUDGET:

	1985/86	1986/87
Operating Allowance)) Family Day Home Admin.)	$28,369,452	$31,882,584
Family Subsidies	$22,572,000	$25,974,100

TIME FRAME -- The Alberta Day Care Program came into effect July 1, 1978 and is an ongoing service.

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ALBERTA
SOLICITOR GENERAL

LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT

OBJECTIVES -- To help all urban municipalities paying for their own policing in defraying the rising policing costs.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all Alberta urban municipalities with a population in excess of 1,500 and who by way of either establishing and maintaining their own police force or by entering into a Royal Canadian Mounted Police municipal policing contract are responsible for their own policing.

DESCRIPTION -- The government approves a total amount for the grant yearly.

FINANCING -- The department will calculate the grant payable to each urban municipality yearly.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
	$29,045,000	$29,045,000	$29,184,875	$29,355,473

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that was implemented on April 1975. It has no known termination date.

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LIQUOR CONTROL ACT

OBJECTIVES -- To assist those urban municipalities with their own police cells in the Province of Alberta offset the costs of holding an intoxicated person in their cells without charge until such time as the individual being detained is deemed sober.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all urban municipalities with a population in excess of 1,500 that have gaol cell facilities.

DESCRIPTION -- The grant allows a fee of $7 per person who is held without charge in a cell accommodation maintained by the village, town or city. The village, town or city bills this department monthly for each person lodged in their cells during that month and the billing must be certified by the police force policing that particular location.

FINANCING -- The village, town or city is entitled to $7 per person per day. Accounts are submitted to the department monthly for certification and processing.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000	$150,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date.

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MUNICIPAL POLICE BUILDING SUBSIDY

OBJECTIVES -- To provide assistance to urban municipalities building a new police building or to make repairs to the existing police building.

ELIGIBILITY -- Available to urban municipalities with a population in excess of 1,500 who wish to build their own police facility or renovate their existing police facility.

DESCRIPTION -- The grant is based on two-thirds of the cost of the police building, and in no case will exceed the sum of $50,000. The grant shall be used only for assistance in construction of a police building or portion of the building to be used for police facilities. The cost of the building will not include the land value.

FINANCING -- Payment will be made either when work is completed or as the work progresses, upon receipt of accounts certified by the municipality's auditors.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
	$400,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date.

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POLICE PHASE-IN GRANT

OBJECTIVES -- To provide financial assistance to municipalities required by the Police Act, 1973 to provide their own policing.

ELIGIBILITY -- Only those urban municipalities whose population has reached an excess of 1,500 and who are responsible for their own policing by way of establishing and maintaining their own police force or by entering into a municipal Royal Canadian Mounted Police policing agreement.

DESCRIPTION -- Once a municipality has signed a municipal policing contract with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or established their own police force, the Province will then pay a five-year phase-in grant of 60% of the manpower costs the first year, 40% of the manpower costs in year two and 25% in years three, four and five.

FINANCING -- Payment is made to the municipality twice yearly and upon receipt of proof that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police billing has been paid.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
	$150,000	$150,000	-0-	-0-

TIME FRAME -- This program has a five-year term from the date of original signing. This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date. There is no known claimants for this grant during the 1986/87 fiscal year.

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SUMMER VILLAGE POLICING

OBJECTIVES -- To assist summer villages who supply their own policing from May 15th to November 15th yearly.

ELIGIBILITY -- This grant is available to all summer villages who supply their own policing during the months of May 15th to November 15th inclusive.

DESCRIPTION -- A grant of $500 a month is made available to all summer villages to assist in defraying the cost of the summer special constable.

FINANCING -- Upon proof of payment to the special constable, a monthly billing in the amount of $500 is made to this department.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
	$26,000	$36,000	$39,000	$48,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government. Applications by summer villages should be made by March 31st of each year.

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Introduction

The Canada-Alberta Tourism Agreement totals $56.3 million and is cost-shared equally between the Federal and Provincial Governments. The Agreement which runs for five years will provide assistance in six areas: Tourism Facility and Product Development; Alpine Ski Facility Development; Market Development; Training and Professional Development; Industry and Community Support; and Opportunity Analysis and Evaluation.

The purpose and intent of the agreement is to provide a major boost to the tourism industry in Alberta.

OBJECTIVES

1.1 Canada and Alberta have agreed on the following objectives to guide programs and projects entered into under this Subsidiary Agreement:

(a) improve the quality of the tourism industry in the Province of Alberta to compete more effectively in the intra-provincial, inter-provincial and international tourism markets;

(b) to improve sector performance, maximize the potential for human resource development, and increase levels of employment, income and tourism expenditures in Alberta;

(c) to provide initiatives designed to encourage the participation of the private sector in tourism development and marketing to enhance and expand on the strengths and opportunities of growth potential of Alberta tourist destinations;

(d) to provide initiatives designed to optimize the impact and contribution of tourism to economic and social development throughout the Province;

(e) to provide reinforced recognition of the international tourism appeal of the Alberta Canadian Rockies through enhanced development and marketing programs and in turn broaden and diversify tourism destinations, attractions and events in all parts of Alberta.

1.2 In addition, it is the objective of the parties that projects under this Agreement will include initiatives to:

(a) attract more tourists;

(b) lengthen the stay of tourists;

(c) maintain and expand existing tourism products, attractions and resorts;

(d) enhance the year-round appeal of Alberta as a tourism destination and address the problems of seasonality associated with the tourism industry in the Province;

(e) maintain and expand Alberta's appeal as an international ski destination together with other winter attractions, resorts and tourism products;

(f) maintain and improve the existing Provincial tourism plant through programs designed to upgrade, expand and develop the necessary infrastructures to reach the potential of growth;

(g) develop a modern province-wide tourism information service/reservation system that links the various tourism sub-sections and accommodation with the needs of the international tourist;

(h) develop a comprehensive and accurate tourism data base that is essential for development and market planning;

(i) because the tourism industry is labour intensive, and there is a continuing need for properly trained personnel, both formal and on-the-job training and awareness programs will be enhanced and developed to address the demand for qualified and quality personnel in the tourism industry hospitality sector;

(j) through new and improved mechanisms, in partnership with tourism industry associations and destinations, maintain and expand the organizational structures and their programs to meet the demands for better development and marketing of the Alberta tourism destination.

1. Tourism Facility and Product Development ($26 million over 5 years)

The objective of this program is to stimulate private sector investment in Alberta's tourism plant, develop major destination resorts and other travel generators, and to upgrade and develop associated ancillary facilities and services. It is comprised of the following two parts:

a) General Facility and Product Development

This element will provide initiatives for private sector investment by establishing, modernizing or expanding product lines, year-round resorts, attractions and support facilities.

b) Major Travel Generators

This element will encourage the development of major new tourism generators which will have sufficiently broad appeal to result in the local area becoming a popular destination area or target stop-over for tourists from national and international markets.

A travel generator is any attraction which enhances Alberta as a tourist destination and draws tourists from international and

national markets. The tourist traffic that travel generators stimulate should encourage private sector investors to develop ancillary tourism facilities to serve this traffic.

2. Alpine Ski Facility Development ($6.9 million over 5 years)

The objective of this program is to provide initiatives to stimulate private sector investment in existing internationally competitive Alberta Rocky Mountain ski facilities; namely, Fortress Mountain, Marmot Basin, Lake Louise, Mount Norquay, Westcastle Park and Sunshine Village. Examples of project components which could receive assistance are: snowmaking systems, ski lifts, slope lighting, ski trail development, and food and beverage facilities. The program is comprised of the following parts:

a) Planning and Feasibility Studies

Contributions will be provided toward the cost of hiring qualified consultants to prepare plans and/or studies pertaining to project feasibility, conceptual design, engineering feasibility, and master planning.

b) Capital Construction

Contributions will be provided for the direct capital costs associated with ski projects, including design, labor, and purchase of fixed assets and materials.

3. Market Development ($11.975 million over 5 years)

The objective of this program is to position Alberta in national and international markets as an attractive and desirable place to visit, through increased private and public sector promotion of the Alberta destination and its products. It is comprised of the following components:

a) Private Sector Marketing Incentives

This element will provide marketing incentives to the private sector for enhanced marketing activities in national and international markets. Examples of projects which could receive assistance are marketing in support of tourism facilities and events, package tour development, costs associated with bid preparation and foreign attendance building for conventions and conferences, travel trade familiarization tours, and cooperative advertising.

b) Provincial Targeted Marketing

This element will provide funds for targeted market activities which are incremental to present ongoing activities by the Province. It will allow for increased emphasis on new and developing markets.

c) Information Systems Development

This element will provide for the development of tourism information centres as well as computerized enquiry information, reservation, and meeting/conference data base.

4. Training and Professional Development ($3 million over 5 years)

The objective of this program is to upgrade the professional expertise of industry personnel at all levels involved in the travel industry in Alberta. Projects which could be funded under this program are planning studies to design management and professional training courses, development of action plans and implementation of new course material. In addition, funding could be made available for recommendations resulting from the major study presently underway by the Province, such as the establishment of a hospitality training institute or the expansion of existing programs.

This program is comprised of the following components:

a) Management Training

Involves assistance for the development and delivery of tourism industry management seminars and courses.

b) Professional Development

Involves seminars, courses and on-site demonstrations designed to improve employee skills in specific areas, such as sales techniques, recreational services operation, and general product improvement. Courses and seminars which might be developed for certification purposes by the Province may also receive contributions.

5. Industry and Community Support ($2.5 million over 5 years)

This program provides support to tourism industry associations, community, and private sector participants. It is comprised of the following elements:

a) Tourism Industry Awareness

An awareness campaign will contain educational, promotional, and incentive aspects directed at the general public, industry, educational institutions, and the various levels of government. Examples of activities which could be assisted are: cooperative advertising, editorials, newsletters as well as the development and distribution of tourism awareness materials.

b) Community Tourism Development

The objective of this element is to encourage Alberta communities to recognize the economic and social benefits from tourism by

initiating and coordinating theme development, development and improvement of facilities, attractions and events. It will provide contributions for hiring consultants to initiate and coordinate community theme development, improvements of facilities, attractions and events.

c) Exploration Guides

This program is designed to provide assistance for tourism areas in the Province to develop high quality guide books for areas identified by a common theme or as a scenic/historic/designated route.

6. Opportunity Analysis and Evaluation ($3.8 million over 5 years)

This program is intended to initiate and support studies that are required to make informed decisions in the development and marketing of the Alberta destination and its facilities and products. Its primary objective is to identify and assess tourism development and market opportunities related to the programs which will be implemented through the Agreement.

7. Administration, Public Information and Evaluation ($2.125 million over 5 years)

The objectives of this program are to ensure the efficient administration of the Agreement, to provide public information relating to the Agreement, and to ensure the evaluation of the programs and projects with regard to their economy, effectiveness and efficiency.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

		$ MILLIONS
1.	TOURISM FACILITY AND PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT	$26.0
2.	ALPINE SKI FACILITY DEVELOPMENT	6.9
3.	MARKET DEVELOPMENT	11.975
4.	TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	3.0
5.	INDUSTRY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT	2.5
6.	OPPORTUNITY ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION	3.8
7.	ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EVALUATION	2.125
	TOTAL:	$56.3 MILLION

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URBAN TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES

1. To promote long term planning and implementation of effective, balanced urban transportation systems, taking into consideration equity, efficiency, safety and environmental factors.

2. To respond to urban needs and facilitate dynamic, balanced and diversified economic and social development throughout the whole of the Province by providing financially sound provincial support for urban transportation.

3. To participate with cities in the planning and financial responsibility for those elements of the urban transportation system which are a mutual concern as a vital link in a total provincial transportation system.

ELIGIBILITY -- The grants in this Program are provided to financially assist the incorporated cities. In addition, the County of Strathcona (Sherwood Park) is eligible for funding for its urban area.

DESCRIPTION -- This Program consists of:

1. Basic Capital Grants
2. Major Continuous Corridors and Primary Highway Connectors
3. Public Transit Operating Assistance Grants
4. Primary Highway Maintenance Grants.

FINANCING -- Approximately 475 million dollars has been committed over the three years of the Program.

TIME FRAME -- This Program was implemented on April 1, 1985 and extends through to March 31, 1988.

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BASIC CAPITAL

OBJECTIVE -- To assist cities financially by providing capital grants to support the development of components of a balanced transportation system.

ELIGIBILITY -- This grant is available to the incorporated Alberta cities and the County of Strathcona (Sherwood Park).

DESCRIPTION -- Eligible expenditures under this grant are:

- Arterial roadways
- Public transit
- Transportation systems management
- Railway/highway grade separations
- Research and development, and
- Resurfacing, reconstruction of collector roadways.

FINANCING -- The maximum eligible annual funding for each municipality under the Basic Capital Grant will be based on the previous year's population as provided by Alberta Municipal Affairs at a funding rate of $70 per capita. This funding rate will be held constant for the three-year duration of the program. In order for a city to receive their maximum eligible amount they must submit sufficient project applications.

All projects eligible under the Basic Capital Grant will be cost shared on a 75% Provincial/25% City basis subject to the maximum eligible annual funding available to each city under this grant. Funding under the Basic Capital Grant will be administered under a conditional grant agreement. Funds will be advanced annually under the agreement to each municipality to be used on approved projects.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET -- A maximum of $111 million will be budgeted each year for this program.

TIME FRAME -- This grant will be implemented on April 1, 1985 and extend through to March 31, 1988.

MAJOR CONTINUOUS CORRIDORS AND PRIMARY HIGHWAY CONNECTORS

OBJECTIVE -- The objective of the Major Continuous Corridors and Primary Highway Connectors grant is to participate with the cities by providing incentive grants for the planning and financing of those elements of the urban transport system which are properly a mutual concern as a vital link in a total provincial transportation system.

Tighter controls are exercised under the terms of this grant, commensurate with the high level of provincial interest in these roadways. Therefore the Province participates actively in establishing design standards, costs and staging of the project, and has a member on the steering committee.

ELIGIBILITY -- One Major Continuous Corridor that is important in the provincial transportation system may be approved for each city. Edmonton and Calgary are eligible for the Primary Highway Connectors portion of the grant.

FINANCING -- The Province will provide 90% of approved costs up to a maximum specified for each project. The maximum provincial share is established on a project-by-project basis. Specific project funding is based on city application and Cabinet approval of the project, including budgetary approval. Each approved project is administered under a conditional grant agreement between the Province and the City which specifies the limits of the project, the design standards, the cost-sharing arrangement, and the total maximum provincial funding to be provided towards the project. The amount of funding available for individual projects will be dependent upon the number and magnitude of approved projects and the total funding level approved for each fiscal year.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET -- A maximum of 16 million dollars will be budgeted each year for this program.

TIME FRAME -- This grant will be implemented on April 1, 1985 and will continue through to the completion date as set within individual Agreements over the 3 year period of the Program.

PUBLIC TRANSIT OPERATING ASSISTANCE

OBJECTIVES

1. To assist municipalities financially by providing operating grants to assist in:

   a) maintenance and operation of the public transit system

   b) provision of special services or assistance for the transportation of the handicapped and senior citizens.

2. To encourage efficient operation of public transit or special services.

ELIGIBILITY -- The basic portion of this grant is available to all incorporated Alberta Municipalities in provisions as outlined under "Description & Financing".

DESCRIPTION AND FINANCING -- This grant is advanced as a contribution towards any public transit operating deficit and/or towards the provision of specialized transportation services for senior citizens or disabled individuals. Annual funding to be based on a per capita rate according to the following:

- Cities with approved conventional transit systems are eligible for the $8 per capita assistance and the basic $3 per capita towards transportation assistance for senior citizens and the handicapped. Conventional transit systems are defined as standard transit buses on regular scheduled routes serving the general public.

- Small cities and large towns with approved paratransit systems are eligible for $3 per capita toward the paratransit assistance plus the basic $3 per capita for transportation assistance to senior citizens and the handicapped. All other municipalities receive the basic $3 per capita for senior citizens and handicapped transportation assistance.

TIME FRAME -- This grant will be implemented on April 1, 1985 and extend through to March 31, 1988.

PRIMARY HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

OBJECTIVES

1. To assist cities financially in maintaining and operating the primary highway portion of the cities' roadway systems.

2. To encourage efficient maintenance and operation of roadways.

Cities will determine priorities and allocation between uses for this grant.

ELIGIBILITY -- This grant is available to the incorporated Alberta cities.

DESCRIPTION -- This is a grant to help defray the cost of maintaining extensions of the primary highway system within City boundaries.

FINANCING -- The cities will receive an annual grant of $2,000 per lane-kilometer of primary highway within their corporate limits.

TIME FRAME -- This grant will be implemented on April 1, 1985 and extend through to March 31, 1988.

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ALBERTA AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- Assist in the upgrading of existing airports in Alberta communities, enabling development of air services and attendant industrial activities. Provide bases for Forest Protection Water Bombing.

ELIGIBILITY -- Municipalities which already have airports.

DESCRIPTION -- The Department will provide the upgrading of airport facilities. Assistance includes:

Overlay of runway, taxiway and apron areas. Grants for modest community airport terminal buildings for those remaining airports who have not applied. Consideration may be given for future installations of basic navigational and visual aids to community airports.

Municipalities must contact Alberta Transportation for assistance. If the project is approved, Alberta Transportation will fund and supervise the construction.

FINANCING -- Virtually 100% financing by Alberta Transportation.

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government.

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HAMLETS STREETS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To provide special assistance for improving streets in Alberta Hamlets within Municipal Districts, Counties, Improvement Districts and Special Areas.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is only available to those areas of land that are officially designated as hamlets and have permanent populations of 50 or more..

DESCRIPTION -- The types of street improvements which are eligible for this funding involve construction of lasting street and sidewalk facilities serving both road users and pedestrians. These improvements will include grading, gravelling, acceptable quality oil treatments, stabilized gravel base/paving, concrete sidewalks, curbs and gutters, roadway storm sewers and drainage systems, bridges, traffic signs and signals and street lighting. Applications are submitted by the appropriate rural jurisdiction on behalf of the Hamlet.

FINANCING -- Eligibility for assistance is based on $45,000 basic grant plus $80 per capita for Hamlets with populations of 100 or more; and $15,000 basic grant plus $80 per capita for Hamlets with populations of 50 to 99.

The department will contribute 75% of the construction and engineering costs of approved projects. The municipalities will be responsible for 25% of the construction and engineering costs.

An official designation of the hamlet boundaries and a Statutory Declaration of population are required together with plans and cost estimates for application for the program. Applications are provided to the Regional Director.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
	$1,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000

TIME FRAME -- The current program commenced on April 1, 1985 and will be ongoing until all eligible hamlets receive their full formula entitlement.

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CULVERT INSTALLATION ASSISTANCE

OBJECTIVES -- To provide technical and financial assistance to Counties and Municipal Districts with large culvert installations 1.5 metres (5 Feet) in diameter or larger which serve in lieu of bridges.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is primarily available to Counties and Municipal Districts. Assistance is also provided to towns and villages when such installations are on road allowances or on through streets in lieu of road allowances.

DESCRIPTION -- In late summer, Alberta Transportation accepts requests from municipalities covering their requirements for bridge structures. Selection and priority for assistance is determined on the basis of a demonstrated need to the extent that funding is available.

This assistance is applied toward such costs as preparation of foundation, assembly of culvert, backfill under haunches, fill over the culvert to a one metre depth and rip rap.

FINANCING -- Alberta Transportation will contribute towards the acceptable installation of large culverts 1.5 metres (5 feet) in diameter or larger and will supply the necessary culvert material at no cost to the Road Authority. This contribution is paid only if the design specifications and instructions are adhered to.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET -- No specific yearly funding levels established due to major fluctuations of need.

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government.

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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To provide to the rural and small urban municipalities without public transit, assistance which is to be used:

- as a contribution in the establishment of specialized transportation services for senior citizens, the disabled and the handicapped,
- as a contribution towards subsidization or upgrading of existing taxi, bus, rail or air transportation services for the benefit of senior citizens, the disabled and the handicapped.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all Alberta rural and small urban municipalities without established public transit services.*

DESCRIPTION -- This grant is to be used in assisting with the transportation of senior citizens, the disabled and the handicapped. It may be used to establish or assist in the establishment of a particular transportation service or the direct subsidization or upgrading of existing taxi, bus, rail or air services.

FINANCING -- Towns, Villages, Municipal Districts, Counties, Improvement Districts and Special Areas without public transit will receive $3 per capita yearly.

The population figures used in the grant calculations will be in accordance with the most recent confirmed figures published by Alberta Municipal Affairs.

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented on April 1, 1985 and will expire on March 31, 1988.

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* For cities see Urban: Public Transit Operating.

REGULAR ROAD GRANT FOR COUNTIES AND MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS

OBJECTIVES -- To assist the Counties and Municipal Districts with road construction projects with the aim to provide for the improvement of the road network to a standard that will satisfy the traffic demand and need.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available only to the Counties and Municipal Districts in Alberta.

DESCRIPTION -- Yearly program allocations are calculated by formula. Factors considered in the calculation of grant funds assigned to Counties and Municipal Districts involve population, equalized assessment, miles of opened road (including local and secondary roads less miles of paved roads) and a terrain factor that takes into account difficult construction problems. Proposed projects are submitted to the District Transportation Engineer for approval. Activities eligible under the grant program are: grading; regrading; gravelling; gravel crushing; regravelling; dust abatement; base course; paving; seal coat; signing and pavement markings. Additionally, purchase of right-of-way, utility adjustments, fencing and legal surveys also qualify on local road projects.

FINANCING -- The Department funds 100% of the approved projects up to the municipalities' formula eligibility. Once the grant projects are approved by the department, 100% of the grant funds are advanced in trust to the municipality via a Trust Agreement. Upon completion of the grant projects, the municipality provides the department with certification and a summary report of the project expenditures.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET

1983/84	1985/86	1986/87
$25,487,600	$25,487,600	$27,487,600

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government.

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RAILWAY CROSSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To assist municipalities with their share of the capital cost of improving railway crossings on roads under municipal jurisdiction - excluding roads under city administration.

DESCRIPTION -- The program is designed to improve safety at existing railway crossings. The department provides financial assistance for the installation of automatic protection signals, clearing of sight lines, improving of grades, etc. The program also provides for technical assistance by the department in obtaining new railway crossings. No financial assistance is provided for new crossings. Alberta Transportation will provide Railway Crossing Advance Warning signs for any crossings where the signs are required. Signs may be requested on an individual crossing basis or will be provided by Alberta Transportation as each rail line is subjected to a safety review.

Municipalities must apply to Alberta Transportation to make their needs known. Alberta Transportation, in turn, will forward the application to the Railway Transportation Committee of the Canadian Transport Commission and provide any engineering or technical information required.

FINANCING -- At crossings on secondary roads, the Department pays 100% of the road authority's share (municipality's share) of the cost of the improvement.

At crossings on local roads, the Department pays 50% of the road authority's share of the cost of the improvement.

The Department does not contribute toward the cost of maintaining crossings or automatic protection signals.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET -- Not available as these costs are included with other expenditures in municipalities.

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government.

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ENGINEERING ASSISTANCE GRANT

OBJECTIVES -- To provide financial assistance for the required engineering work associated with Regular Road Grant projects.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all Counties and Municipal Districts.

DESCRIPTION -- Allocations are based on the level of the municipalities Regular Road Grant allocation. Projects proposed for this grant are submitted to the District Transportation Engineer for review and approval. This grant is intended to be used to engage private engineering consultants but in some cases may be used to cover engineering services provided by Alberta Transportation. If department engineering services are utilized the appropriate costs are deducted from the municipal allocations.

FINANCING -- The Engineering Assistance Grant is provided to each County and Municipal District in proportion to the municipality's Regular Road Grant. Claims for the funds are submitted to the District Transportation Engineer upon completion of the approved projects.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
	$665,000	$665,000	$665,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government.

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STREETS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To assist Alberta's Towns, Villages and Summer Villages with required capital road and street improvements.

ELIGIBILITY -- The program is available to all Towns, Villages and Summer Villages in the Province.

DESCRIPTION -- The projects which are eligible for funding under the program are; road and street grading and regrading, gravelling, base course, paving, concrete sidewalks, curbs and gutters, storm sewers, bridges, traffic control devices and street lighting. All projects submitted for approval must be to acceptable design and operational standards to meet the desired requirements. All materials and equipment engaged on projects eligible for funding must be from the private sector. Maintenance projects and operations are not eligible under the program.

FINANCING -- Every town, village and summer village with a permanent resident population of 100 or greater is eligible to receive a base grant of $45,000 plus a per capita grant of $80 during the term of the program.

Summer villages with a permanent resident population of less than 100 are eligible to receive a base grant of $15,000 plus a per capita grant of $80 during the term of the program.

Alberta Transportation will fund 75% of the construction costs and 50% of the engineering costs of approved projects. The municipalities will be responsible for 25% of the construction costs and 50% of the engineering costs.

The population figures utilized in the grant calculations will be in accordance with the most recent confirmed figures published by Alberta Municipal Affairs at the date of approval of the projects under the program.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET

1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
$9,339,315	$11,793,728	$10,000,000

1987/88	1988/89
$10,000,000	$8,866,957

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented April 1, 1984 and is scheduled to terminate March 31, 1989.

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LOCAL ROAD RESOURCE GRANT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To provide financial assistance for Counties and Municipal Districts for the upgrading of local roads which carry heavy resource and industrial traffic.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all Counties and Municipal Districts.

DESCRIPTION -- This is a new grant program which will provide municipalities with funding for the upgrading of short sections of rural local roads carrying heavy traffic. Municipalities will be able to reconstruct shorter distances of local roads to higher standards to help withstand the heavy volumes and loadings on these routes. The municipalities may submit one priority project request per year, prior to the end of May, to the Regional Director. The requests are then reviewed and prioritized and allocations made accordingly. The new program is in addition to the existing Resource Road Improvement Program which was initiated in 1979 to improve those local and secondary roads that function as major resource routes.

FINANCING -- The Department funds 100% of the approved maximum municipal allocation. Projects are to be undertaken with equipment and materials from the private sector. Upon completion of the project the municipality must provide the Department with certification and a summary report of the project expenditures.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1986/87
	$5,000,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government.

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DUST CONTROL GRANT FOR COUNTIES AND MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS

OBJECTIVES -- To provide financial assistance to Counties and Municipal Districts to maintain dust control on secondary and local roads.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all Counties and Municipal Districts.

DESCRIPTION -- Allocations are based on the level of the municipality's Regular Road Grant allocation. It is expected that each municipal council will determine guidelines and parameters for utilization of the grant on the basis of the dust control needs within the municipality.

FINANCING -- The Department funds 100% of the costs up to the amount of the municipality's eligibility. The Department provides each municipality 100% of the grant in advance in trust. The municipality must provide the Department with a summary report on the uses of the grant prior to the end of the fiscal year.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET

1986/87
$2,500,000

TIME FRAME -- This is a new grant program this year which will be ongoing.

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UTILITIES OFFICER PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To subsidize the cost of making the services of a knowledgeable individual available to rural municipal authorities to assist in the organization, development and regulation of utilities within their jurisdictional area.

ELIGIBILITY -- Available to all rural municipal districts, counties, improvement districts, and special areas in the Province within which there is a substantial rural gas utility either in operation or under consideration.

DESCRIPTION -- The utilities officer to be qualified through attendance and passage of a training course provided by the Department of Utilities in order to be available for advice and assistance to ratepayers within the local government authorities' jurisdictional areas, and also to assist the local council with the setting out and administration of appropriate and applicable regulation of all types of utilities. Grant support is to apply only to direct utility-related functions. Annual budgets and expenditure statements are required to be submitted to the Department of Utilities, including separation of costs of different functions, if applicable.

FINANCING -- Up to $25,000 per year (formerly $15,000 per year to March 31, 1986) is available to each rural municipal authority based on submission of a budget and an actual expenditure statement at the end of each calendar year. All costs in excess of this amount are to be borne by the local employing authority.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1985/86	1986/87
	$840,000	$1,450,000

TIME FRAME -- This program was instituted in conjunction with the Rural Gas Program in 1973. It is seen as a continuing program with no known termination date.

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NORTHERN SUPPLEMENTARY FUND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVE -- To provide funding in northern Alberta for initiating or improving water and sewage facilities where, even with local revenues and other sources of income, the costs of projects are far in excess of the provincial norm.

ELIGIBILITY -- Available to municipalities within the jurisdiction of the Northern Alberta Development Council.

DESCRIPTION -- Preference will be given to communities with a demonstrated health problem, low tax base, and insufficient sources of other funds so as to render the project financially feasible.

Funding is approved in Alberta Utilities' budget, with each annual allocation schedule approved by the Minister of Utilities upon recommendation of an interdepartmental committee. The interdepartmental committee is chaired by the Northern Development Branch of the Northern Alberta Development Council. It is attended by the Departments of Utilities, Environment, Municipal Affairs, Native Affairs, Advanced Education, Housing, and Energy and Natural Resources.

Under this program:

1. the interdepartmental committee recommends allocations for each fiscal year based on information received through the departments represented on the committee. Feasibility studies are of assistance in allocating the funds.

2. The municipality applies for the grant after funding has been allocated in the budget for the applicable fiscal year.

3. Terms and conditions are attached to the grant allocation specifying its use and procedures to be taken if it is not used.

FINANCING -- The grant is paid in one installment for each fiscal allocation.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET

1986/87
$5,040,000

TIME FRAME -- This fund was implemented in 1977 and is currently set to expire on March 31, 1987.

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ALBERTA MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE TREATMENT GRANT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To assist municipalities with the capital cost of installing modern and adequate facilities for water supply and sewage treatment.

ELIGIBILITY -- Cities (under 100,000 in population), towns, villages, summer villages, hamlets and regional commissions established under the Municipal Government Act are eligible for assistance from this program. In addition, the Minister may require that the appropriate municipal grants be directed to the regional commissions where it has been demonstrated that the implementation of a regional water and/or sewage scheme is the most cost-effective and environmentally sound proposal. Cooperatives are not eligible under this program and should refer their situation to the county, municipal district or improvement district in which they operate.

ELIGIBILITY OF PROJECT -- Water supply projects, such as water storage facilities, water treatment plants, wells, supply lines, and some transmission mains, are eligible for assistance. In a municipality without any existing water system, the distributions system is also eligible.

Sewage treatment facilities, some trunk sewers and outfall lines are eligible for grants, as is a sewer collection system if there was no previous system in the community.

Small projects, such as the addition of fluoridation or chlorination facilities, are also eligible.

The Department should be contacted for an assessment of project eligibility when undertaking any water or sewer project.

FINANCING -- The demand for financial assistance may exceed the available budget, and it is therefore stressed that this program will be administered on the basis of funding being provided only to projects as prioritized by the Government of Alberta.

First-dollar sharing of costs was introduced in July 1983. Project costs are shared on a 75/25 provincial/municipal basis for the first 600 persons, and on a 50/50 basis for the population from 601 to 100,000. The grant calculations take into consideration the accumulated costs of projects which have received grants since the introduction of the program in April 1979. Municipalities receiving assistance from this grant program will be encouraged to support Alberta companies supplying goods and services to the waterworks and sewage industry.

The upper limit remains at $2,100 per capita for communities of 600 or more population. Communities of less than 600 population will be eligible for a proportionately larger grant. In this instance the formula is $2,100 + $5(600 - population) for the upper limit. For example, a community with a population of 300 would have an upper limit in the program of $2,100 + $5(600 - 300), or $3,600. Now all communities, regardless of size, will be reasonably assured of the opportunity of having affordable water and sewage systems.

The specific grants will be calculated by the Department of Utilities in accordance with established priorities and criteria. Municipalities must not assume that a grant will be provided until such time as written confirmation of said grant is received from the Minister of Utilities.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1986/87
	$40,000,000

TIME FRAME -- This assistance program was implemented on April 1, 1979 and is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government.

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REGIONAL UTILITIES PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To provide cost-effective and environmentally acceptable water and sewage facilities jointly to two or more municipalities.

ELIGIBILITY -- The following criteria is used to establish eligibility under the Regional Utilities Program:

1. The urban and rural municipalities serviced must be considered municipalities under the Municipal Government Act. In some cases, commissions are formed under the Regional Utilities Act.

2. The development of regional systems should be more cost-effective and/or environmentally desirable than independent facilities.

FINANCING -- Assistance may be provided to municipalities/commissions in two ways:

1. Capital Projects

   The province initially provides funds for the project and oversees the total construction and management of the project. Once completed, the facilities are turned over to the municipalities, with the municipalities reimbursing the province for their share of the costs.

2. Grants

   The municipalities manage the implementation, design and construction of the project, with the funds being provided to the municipalities in the form of a grant. The grants are calculated on the same formula as used for the Alberta Municipal Water Supply and Sewage Treatment Grant Program.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET	1986/87
	$25,800,000

TIME FRAME -- This assistance program was implemented on April 1, 1979 and is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government. However, it is anticipated that the majority of future projects will be undertaken by the municipalities/commissions and that the grants will be provided under the Alberta Municipal Water Supply and Sewage Treatment Grant Program.

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AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING INDUSTRIES GRANT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVE -- To assist municipalities with the development or expansion of water and sewer facilities to accommodate agricultural processing industries.

ELIGIBILITY -- Assistance is available to municipalities eligible under the Alberta Municipal Water Supply and Sewage Treatment Grant Program, i.e. cities (under 100,000 population), towns, villages, summer villages and hamlets.

ELIGIBILITY OF PROJECT -- Installation of new water and/or sewage works, and upgrading and/or replacing current water and sewage works that are required to accommodate agricultural processing industries.

FINANCING -- Projects approved under the program are cost-shared on a 75/25 provincial/municipal basis for the first 600 persons and on a 50/50 basis for the population from 601 to 100,000.

This new program allows for the removal of the $2,100 per capita funding limit. The demand for financial assistance may exceed the available grant dollars, and therefore it is stressed that this program will be administered on the basis of funding being provided only to projects as prioritized by the Government of Alberta.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET -- This program is administered in conjunction with the Alberta Municipal Water Supply and Sewage Treatment Grant Program.

TIME FRAME -- This is a five-year program effective April 1, 1986.

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APPENDICES

PROGRAM ADDITIONS

MANPOWER

- Alberta Youth Employment and Training Program (A.Y.E.T.P.)
  - Youth Work Experience and Training Element
- Alberta Youth Employment and Training Program (A.Y.E.T.P.)
  - Post Secondary Internship and Training Element
- Employment Skills Program (E.S.P.)

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

- Municipal Internship Program
- Alberta Municipal Partnership in Local Employment Program

RECREATION AND PARKS

Municipal, Associations and Organizations

- Municipal Recreation/Tourism Areas Program

TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES

Transportation

Smaller Urban and Rural

- Local Road Resource Grant Program
- Dust Control Grant for Counties and Municipal Districts

Utilities

- Agricultural Processing Industries Grant Program

APPENDIX B

PROGRAM DELETIONS

MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION

- Municipal Non-Profit Program

RECREATION AND PARKS

Municipal

- Municipal Parks Operating Program
- Be Fit for Life

Municipal, Associations and Organizations

- Recreation Work Experience Program

TOURISM

- Alberta Community Economic Development Program

APPENDIX C

PROGRAM TRANSFERS/CONSOLIDATIONS

COMMUNITY AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

* Programs formerly listed under "Social Services and Community Health"

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE

* Programs formerly listed under "Tourism and Small Business"

ENVIRONMENT

* Financial Assistance for Water Management now titled "Alberta Water Management and Erosion Control Program"

RECREATION AND PARKS

* Program formerly listed under "Municipal" now shown under "Municipal, Associations and Organizations"

UTILITIES AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

* Programs now listed under "Transportation and Utilities" - "Utilities"